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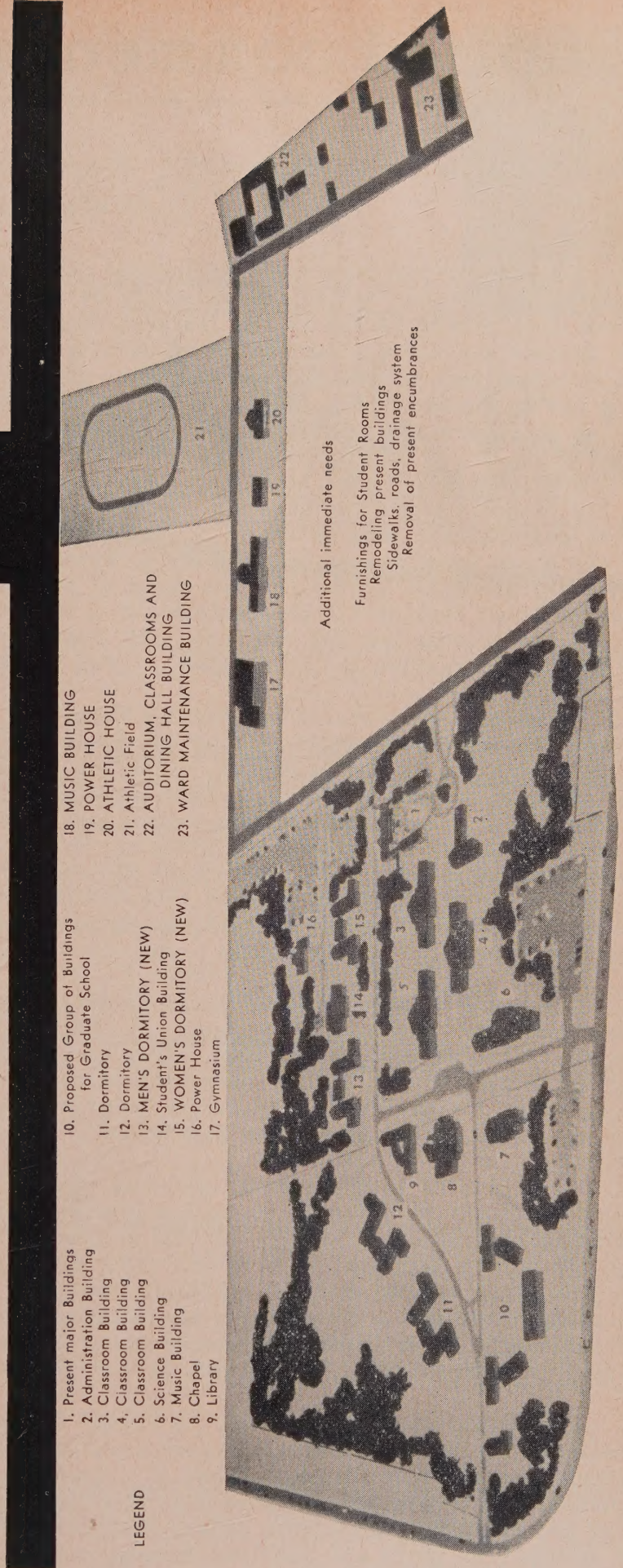

capital commentary...by don gill

report on religious trends from NAE's office of public affairs, washington, d. c.

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The Post Office Department engineered simultaneous raids on the headquarters of three of the largest dealers in obscenity on the East Coast. Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield called it the "largest single action of record" against dealers who use the mails for the distribution of obscene publications. U. S. marshals assisted postal inspectors in seizing the purveyors of filth along with enough evidence to put them out of business once and for all. This action will likely have the effect of making other operators in obscenity run for cover.

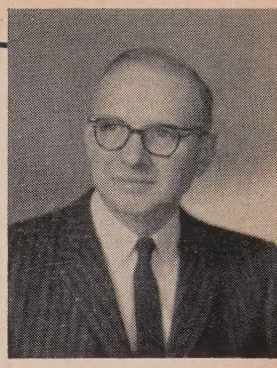
President Eisenhower heard three NAE leaders expound on the upsurge of interest in lay evangelism and the need for greater knowledge of Communist dialectic and tactic among evangelicals both in the U. S. and overseas. The three NAE officials received at the White House were: Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president; Dr. George Ford, executive director; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs. Dr. Taylor shared with the President some of his observations in a trip through twenty-five mission areas in Europe, South Asia and the Far East. Dr. Mekeel carried the greetings of the President to the NAE Convention in Los Angeles. (for complete story see page 22)

An unidentified source has filed a "detailed report" with an unnamed government agency showing that Communists have won almost total control over religious activity in Red China during the past year, according to reports circulating in Washington. The campaign against religion included manipulations, propaganda and terror. More stubborn religious leaders have met with imprisonment, forced labor and sometimes death. Organized religions, including the remnants of Christian organizations, are Communist-dominated. The later phases of the anti-religion campaign include popular Chinese religious beliefs, such as ancestor worship. Prospect: More of the facts concerning the suppression of religion by Communism will become available to the American public during the months ahead.

The House Un-American Activities Committee has unearthed evidence clearly showing that Communists in the United States are under orders to promote the mental image of the Communist as a loyal American. They want to be known as peace-loving and humanitarian in purpose, anxious to work with socialists, liberals and even capitalists for the good of the nation. Unless there is effective counter-propaganda, many Americans are apt to be swayed by such an approach.

Sources here in the capital indicate substantial support for the bill to abolish the traditional civilian chaplaincy at the West Point Military Academy, in favor of a military chaplaincy. The bill (S 582) was introduced jointly by Senators Henry Jackson and Warren Magnuson, both of the state of Washington. It would repeal the Act of 1896 which established the civilian chaplaincy, traditionally held since that time by an Episcopalian, with a Protestant Episcopal form of service. Legislative action is awaiting a report from the Department of Defense, but the prospect for any affirmative report is not good. Tradition is too firmly rooted.

Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of two bills relating to racial and religious dissension and discrimination. Specific reference was made to numerous "captive schools" where nuns are teaching at public expense. Extreme feelings are aroused in many such cases, POAU contended, so that "federal aid" is needed by communities which are involved in such situations.



TO: Hopeful Authors (and who isn't?)

FROM: Herman Baker

SUBJECT: So You Want to Write a Book

SO YOU WANT to write a book. This is welcome news.

Evangelicals have a weighty responsibility. God has given man the task of studying His revelation, both special and general. We can be of great help to each other and to those beyond our circles by sharing the results of our research and thinking by means of the printed page. So you are to be congratulated on this desire.

Let me encourage you in your determination. It is still true that the pen is mightier than the sword. The importance of books is emphasized by the fact that God chose to present and preserve the revelation of Himself to man in book form. Books have changed and directed the course of history. Think of *Das Kapital* and *Mein Kampf*. In the religious field we need mention only Calvin's *Institutes* and *Der Roemerbrief* and Barth's more recent writings.

In fact, the successive ascendancy of liberalism and neo-orthodoxy was in large measure the result of books and the thinking and hard work back of them. This demonstrates with force the responsibility resting upon those who continue to accept the Bible as God's infallible Word.

If evangelicalism is to hold its own or to regain ground, it will have to hold to the faith without wavering. But it will have to do more. Its scholarship will have to match or surpass that of those who have forsaken the faith. With these two qualifications the evangelical has a tremendous advantage. The liberal—if we may still use the term—speaks haltingly, hesitatingly, and with uncertainty. The evangelical can speak confidently, positively, and with conviction. I am pleased that you have reached the decision to grasp this opportunity.

It is, however, only kindness to forewarn you. It is not easy to write a book. The path from your ideal to its final realization is a tortuous one. Since every publisher would much rather help a would-be author produce a good book than issue a rejection slip, let me set a few guideposts for you in the hope that you may eventually reach your goal.

Be sure your motivation is right. You should be driven by an inner compulsion which you find almost impossible to resist. This should be akin to a sense of mission.

It is surprising how many letters we receive which read in essence, "I have recently completed a series of sermons and many have told me they should appear in print." Well, perhaps—and perhaps not.

What do you think when you consider these sermons in the light of present day circumstances and problems? It may be that you have heard of someone receiving fat royalty checks. I can tell you that those individuals are the exception. Besides, the motivation for a Christian author should be on a higher level. Perhaps you get a pleasant feeling when you daydream and picture your name on the jacket and title page. Again, I can tell you that this sensation soon disappears when the book you bring forth is stillborn, or when reviews in polite or not-so-polite words tell you that your book is a dud.

Be sure the subject of your proposed book is worthwhile. Topics may be timeless, timely, timeworn. There are great topics which will never be exhausted. For example, Bible commentaries, dictionaries, geographies, histories, introductions, lexicons, word studies, atlases, and the like will continue to be written as long as time shall last; and each one will be able to shed new light on God's revelation.

The same may be said of missions—its history, principles and practices; or of the church—its nature, history, purpose, and goal.

Then there are those subjects which are particularly timely. Among these are the Bible—its inspiration, revelation, and authority; ecumenism as it faces the evangelical; the Christian home; the Christian's role in society; cultural responsibility. The entire system of Bible doctrine needs restatement in contemporary terms, or we may have to refurbish the old terms and make them meaningful for our day.

Yes, there are some good subjects which have been overworked for the present. Please, for our peace of mind, call a moratorium on books on peace of mind—unless you can come up with a new slant. Perhaps we could drop the subject of the millennium and tribulation for a bit until we can write books which say more than "I'm for it" or "I'm agin' it."

Be sure you are qualified to make a contribution. This will depend upon your innate talents and experience. Do not try your hand at a modern translation of the Bible unless you are a competent linguist. In fact, it may be

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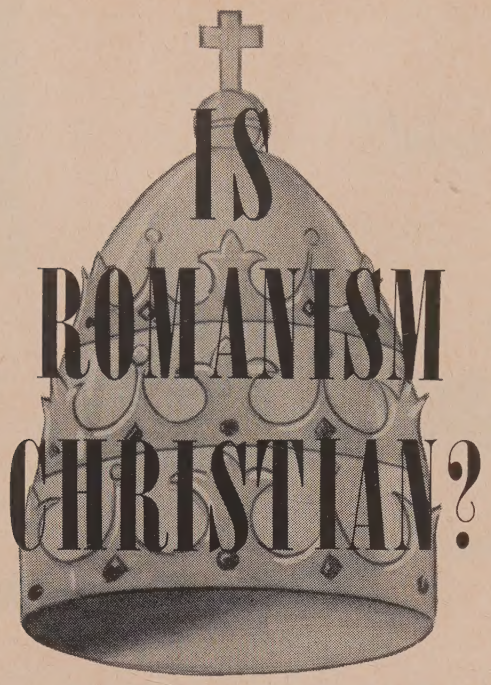
The author is president of Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The second in a series of three articles . . .



IS ROMANISM Christian? This is a question that has been asked by thousands of people in the past 1600 years. During this time there have been multitudes who have given an unequivocal "no" as their answer. Many of these have sealed their convictions with their life's blood.

Same have openly stated that the Pope is the Antichrist, that the whole Roman Catholic system is a counterfeit of the gospel, and that Romanism is Satan's masterpiece. They have, in spoken and written word, boldly denounced the Roman hierarchy.

No less a historian and scholar than H. G. Wells has given us a strong indictment of the Roman Catholic Church in his book, *Crux Ansata.* This book is a historical summary of the Roman Church's political trickery and intrigues leading to its tie-up with the Nazi-Fascist-Shinto axis.

Interestingly enough, there are those today who feel that Romanism and Communism have much in common. They argue that (1) both are undemocratic in structure, (2) both oppose a separation of church and state, (3) both tend to deify their leaders; (4) both oppose free public schools; (5) both suppress freedom of thought, speech, and worship; (6) followers of either ideology must pay homage to a temporal ruler (the Kremlin or the Vatican), and (7) both use violence in the achievement of their goals.

There are thousands of other thinking people who feel that Romanism actually represents a more subtle enemy than Communism. They argue that while Communism is essentially an atheistic philosophy of life concerned primarily with economic and political propaganda, Catholicism is a religious system seeking to gain world dominion under the guise of Christianity.

There are not a few Protestant Bible scholars today who feel that Communism represents the "powers of darkness" in their "roaring lion" manifestation, while Catholicism represents the evil one in his "angel of light" guise. They further admit that the last is more subtle and dangerous than the first.

Some are even convinced that under the sovereign providence of God, Communism is unwittingly providing an avenue of escape from the shackles of Romanism. They point to Italy as an illustration. The Communist party membership in Italy is second in size only to that in Russia. This is but the inevitable uprising of men who have lived and suffered under the tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, Communism's advance in and through all the Roman Catholic countries of Europe appears to be the natural endeavor of 200 million oppressed people to free themselves from the serfdom of a dictatorial religion. Thus far Communism has provided the only banner under which such a rebellion could be fostered.

This is certainly not to imply that Communism is good and Romanism bad. This is rather a comparison of two evils. We hold no brief for Communism's atheistic religious philosophies. We strongly condemn her persecution of Christians and her constant attempt to hinder the spread of the Christian message. Communism's behavior foreshadows the very Antichrist himself. However, it is not the far-reaching, devastating evils of Communism that we are dealing with in this series of articles, but rather those of Romanism.

Christian men and women who believe in the democratic processes of life and in freedom of speech, press, and religion often ask the following question: When will the gospel be freely preached to Spain's 28 million? When will her 20,000 despised, oppressed and boycotted Protestants be given freedom of speech and press? When, if ever, will they enjoy the liberty of unmolested worship or the privilege to evangelize the lost? The self-evident answer is: Not until a revolution breaks the back of the religious fascism under which Spain's people now struggle—not until the purple curtain of Romanism has been torn in twain.

There is only one way to discover whether Romanism is Christian or pagan and that is to compare it with the plain teachings of the Word of God. It is unscholarly to state that Romanism is Christian because it contains some of the truths of Scripture. It would be just as logical to conclude that Mohammedanism is Christian because some of the principles of the Bible are found in it.

A number of years ago a Roman Catholic priest in Italy by the name of Lorenzo Palmiere was converted to Christ. Having a deep desire to bring his fellow Roman Catholics to Jesus Christ, he prepared a list of 100 questions concerning Catholic dogma. He then offered prizes amounting to the total of 25,000 Italian liras to anyone who could show that these Catholic doctrines were found in the Scriptures and who could prove the answers by Scripture. Stephen L. Testa has reprinted these questions in English and is offering $1,000 "to the first Roman Catholic priest or layman who will prove that the following one hundred Roman Catholic doctrines and practices are taught in the Bible."

We list here just a few of the many claims which Roman Catholics are invited to prove from the Word of God:

1. That Jesus Christ founded the Roman Catholic Church instead of His church.
2. That Peter was Pope.
3. That the word "Pope" is in the Bible, except its synonym as the Antichrist.
4. That the Pope is infallible.
5. That the apostles instituted and ordained any other than bishops, elders, deacons and evangelists.

6. That Jesus ever instituted cardinals or any order of monks, nuns, monsignors, abbots, etc.

7. That the mass was instituted by Christ.

8. That mass is a sacrifice and a daily repetition of the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.

9. That the wafer in the hands of the priest is changed into the real body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord.

10. That Mary is the door of heaven, the dispenser of divine grace, the morning star, the co-redeemer with our Lord.

11. That saints in heaven are advocates and mediators between God and man.

To the Bible-believing Christian, the answers to these questions are obvious and immediately remove Romanism from the category of scriptural Christianity.

An obvious and accurate way to ascertain what the dogmas and doctrines of Rome are is to turn to Roman Catholic sources. Here are several quotations concerning various Catholic doctrines taken from *The Baltimore Catechism* written by a Roman Catholic priest and published by Benziger Brothers, Inc. On page seven we are told that the five glorious mysteries of the Catholic Church are "(1) the resurrection of our Lord, (2) the ascension of our Lord into heaven, (3) the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles, (4) the assumption of our Blessed Mother in heaven, (5) the coronation of our Blessed Mother in heaven."

To Bible-believing Christians, the last two of these are nothing short of fabricated deceit. The fact of the matter is, the worship of Mary as the mother of Jesus and the use of the term, Mother of God, as applied to her did not orignate until 431 A.D.

The practice of offering prayers to her by the Roman Church began about 600 A.D. The doctrine of her Immaculate Conception came into existence in 1864 and that of the Assumption of the Virgin did not come into existence until 1950.

On page 22 of the above-mentioned catechism we read, "The Blessed Virgin Mary is the only one of us to come into life not having original sin on her soul. This favor of God to her is called her Immaculate Conception."

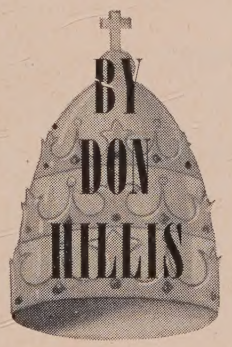
On page 51 of the same book we read, "By the special favor of her assumption, the body of the Blessed Virgin was raised from the dead and taken to heaven." These things, along with the giving to Mary of such names as Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Mediatrix of all graces, and some 50 other titles of adoration is to the enlightened Christian nothing short of paganism. Mary herself would be the first to object to such exaltation.

In answer to the question, "What is the mass?" the following is stated: "The mass is the sacrifice of the new law in which Christ through the priest offers himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine."

This is followed by the question, "Is the mass the same sacrifice as the sacrifice on the cross?" and the answer is, "The mass *is* the same sacrifice as the sacrifice on the cross."

One does not have to be a Bible scholar to know that such teaching is absolutely contrary to Scripture.

According to Roman Catholic teaching, purgatory is a place of fiery torture where all souls go at death except those who are eternally lost. It is a place in which men must burn for an indefinite period of time "in order to be purified from their sins." Though the subject of purgatory holds a very large place in Catholic thinking and doctrine, yet there is not a single reference to such a place given in the entire



Bible. On the other hand, the Scripture is filled with teaching that is quite the contrary of purgatory. Scriptures such as Luke 23:43, Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:14, 1 Corinthians 3:16 demonstrate that there is no such place as purgatory and, hence, its source must be pagan. It follows that the offering of and the selling of indulgences, which did not begin until the 12th century, is also an invention of the Roman hierarchy. All such teaching is "libel on the efficacy of the blood of Christ which cleanses us from all sin."

There is perhaps nothing more blasphemous in the eyes of the Bible-believing Christian than the subject of the infallibility of the Pope. It was in the year 1870 A.D. that Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of papal infallibility. "The Vatican Council has defined as a divinely revealed dogma that the Roman Pontiff when he speaks ex-cathedra is possessed of an infallibility with which the divine Redeemer wishes his church to be endowed in defining doctrines of faith and morals. The Pope teaching ex-cathedra is an independent organ of infallibility."

That the Pope of Rome is the successor of Peter; that he is the viceregent of God upon earth and the vicar of Jesus Christ; that he ought to be called Holy Father; that he can make saints out of persons long since dead; that he can excommunicate churches and individuals; that he can oppose the unity, liberty, and independence of nations; that he can grant or sell indulgences; that he ought to have temporal power with soldiers and armed guards and have political sway over all the nations of the earth—no true Christian can accept. Even a hurried reading of the lives and history of the Popes of Rome would bear evidence to the fallaciousness of all such teaching. A publication by the Lutheran press asks how the Pope dares to assume the prerogative of infallibility in the light of the teaching of 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4 which reads, "That man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

These are but a few of the things which lead us to conclude that there is no real question in the minds of Bible-believing Christians as to whether or not Romanism is Christian. Cardinal Newman, in his book, *The Development of the Christian Religion,* admits that "Temples, incense, oil lamps, votive offerings, holy water, holidays and season of devotions, processions, blessing of fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure (of priests and nuns and monks), images . . . are all of pagan origin" (page 359).

The Bible says, "But to as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). It says further, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

It is easy to contrast these plain teachings from the Word of God with Roman dogma.

It is through the merits of Jesus Christ alone that man may gain entrance unto God. There is no room in this message of the grace of God for the exaltation of popes or priests, virgins, ceremonies or traditions.

This series of articles may be obtained in booklet form at 50 cents per copy from Dunham Publishing Company, Main and Ash Streets, Findlay, Ohio under the title, *If America Elects a Catholic President.*

The Ten Most Helpful Books in My Library

by six prominent evangelical pastors and educators

Dr. Paul P. Petticord, President
Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Ore.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible
Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament by W. F. Arndt and F. W. Gingrich
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia by James Orr
Unger's Bible Dictionary by Merrill F. Unger
The New International Commentary on the New Testament
The Evangelical Commentary Series
The New Bible Commentary, edited by Francis Davidson
Christian Personal Ethics by Carl F. H. Henry
History of the Christian Church by Philip Schaff
A Christian Approach to Philosophy by Warren C. Young
Archaeology and the Old Testament by Merrill F. Unger

Dr. Robert G. Lee, Pastor
Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

The Sky Pilot by Ralph Connor
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Five Hundred Selected Sermons by T. Dewitt Talmage
Pre-Eminence of Christ by W. A. Crouch
Challenge to Skepticism by John B. Koehne
All the sermons by Dr. Harry A. Ironside
All the books by Dr. W. B. Riley
Beacon Lights of History by John Lord
Several books of Dr. Len Broughton
Books by Dr. I. M. Haldeman

Dr. Alan Redpath, Pastor
The Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois

Systematic Theology by Augustus H. Strong
Spurgeon's Treasury of the Bible by Charles H. Spurgeon
Expositions of the Holy Scriptures by Alexander Maclaren
Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible
Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible
Spurgeon's Lectures to His Students by Charles H. Spurgeon
Crisis of the Christ by Campbell Morgan
The Life of Christ by Farrar
Guide to the Gospels by W. Graham Scroggie
The New Bible Handbook, edited by G. T. Manley

Dr. Henry H. Savage, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. How any pastor can do effective Bible preaching without almost constant reliance upon a good concordance is a mystery to me.

Then I want a good Bible dictionary or encyclopedia. I am delighted with a new volume, *Unger's Bible Dictionary.*

From the beginning of my ministry I have gained a great deal of real help from *Scofield's Bible Course,* both in its doctrinal and its analytical studies.

Although written some 100 years ago, there is nothing superior to Bishop Ryle's *Holiness.* It is so practical and also biblical. It has been a great blessing to me.

A book that clarified my thinking along the lines of eschatology in the early days of my preaching, and one to which I often refer now is *Jesus Is Coming* by W. E. Blackstone.

Word Studies in the New Testament by Marvin Vincent are a source of enlightenment very often.

I must include Alfred Edersheim's *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah.* These volumes are well worn through personal use during the forty years I have possessed them.

In my personal studies I find a real need for a good book on archaeology. There are many splendid ones, but I find a late publication especially helpful, *Archeology in the Old Testament* by Merrill Unger.

I must include Klaas Schilder's trilogy—*Christ in His Suffering, Christ on Trial,* and *Christ Crucified*—as being able to take us as far as humanly possible into the very heart passion of our blessed Lord.

Then, strange as it may seem, I feel greatly indebted to a good book on *Synonyms and Antonyms.* It is a great help in increasing word power and in getting away from overused expressions.

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, President
Wheaton, College, Wheaton, Illinois

Systematic Theology by Lewis Sperry Chafer
Cambridge Modern History
Oxford Dictionary of Quotations
Christianity through the Centuries by Earl E. Cairns
A Study of History by Arnold J. Toynbee
Commentary on the Holy Scriptures by John Peter Lange
Amy Carmichael of Dohnabur by Frank Houghton
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
The Holy Spirit: His Gifts and Power by John Owen
Christian Personal Ethics by Carl F. H. Henry

Dr. Harry J. Hager, Pastor
Bethany Reformed Church, Chicago, Illinois

Cruden's Concordance
Tongue of Fire by William Arthur
Christ's Moral Glory by J. G. Bellett
Son of God by J. G. Bellett
The Complete Works of Jonathan Edwards
The Complete Works of John Owen
The Complete Works of Stephen Charnock
The Complete Works of Richard Sibbes
The Complete Works of David Clarkson
All of the translated works of Dr. Abraham Kuyper

A Reviewer's View of The Year in Books

By ARNOLD D. EHLERT

THE TWO LISTS of significant books included in this annual Book Number were compiled by the book editor in collaboration with Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school of Wheaton College, and Dr. Lloyd A. Kalland, book review editor of *Christian Life* and book editor of *Christian Bookseller.*

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, professor of English Bible at Fuller Theological Seminary, and Miss Mary Horan, chief of the department of philosophy and religion, Los Angeles Public Library, contributed observations and suggestions. The final decision rests with the book editor of this magazine.

It is not easy to complete these two lists. This year the evangelical list ran beyond the limit and a number of titles had to be dropped. The other list was more difficult to complete and a number of substitutions were made at the last minute. As it was, two good books were overlooked which should have been on the evangelical list: *What Luther Says* compiled by Ewald M. Plass and *What, then, is Man? a symposium,* both published by Concordia Publishing House.

Both lists are as solid as they have been for any recent year and, in some respects, more satisfying. We shall let the reader analyze the lists for himself.

Total Production

It is well for us to keep in mind that the United States with all its new titles does not lead the world by any means in book production.

America produced 13,462 new titles in 1958. West Germany and West Berlin put out 15,710; India, 18,559; Japan 25,299! and United Kingdom, 22,143, and the USSR, 59,530. These figures come from *The Bookseller,* January 3, 1959.

It must be remembered, however, that many foreign countries put out many more small paper pamphlets that they call books than we do. The Soviets particularly have a tendency to count items sometimes in their statistics that we would not include. Some of these countries have a number of languages into which the same title is translated and these probably add to the total.

Best Sellers

Anybody who has read any book news during the year is well aware that *Dr. Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak (Pantheon) was the best seller of 1958. The only rival that this book has had in recent years with regard to short term rise in sales was *Forever Amber* by Kathleen Winsor (Macmillan, 1944) which sold 868,630 copies in 1945.

Ninth on the list of fiction best sellers was *The Enemy Camp* by Jerome Weidman (Random House), which is the story of a Jewish man and his Gentile wife living in a Gentile commuity.

On the non-fiction list the only religious item was J. B. Phillips' *New Testament in Modern English* (Macmillan) previously published at intervals in four volumes. Sales were 156,300. While not on the top ten list, Elisabeth Elliot's *Shadow of the Almighty* (Harper) and Martin Luther King's *Stride Toward Freedom* (Harper) were big sellers, totaling 45,000 and 40,000 copies respectively.

Trends

In an article on "Developing Trends in Christian Books" in *Christian Bookseller* for February, Lloyd A. Kalland reports from a survey of 17 publishers that Christian fiction is declining in popularity. Only one publisher reported optimistically with regard to it.

Church libraries have increased phenomenally in the last few years and doubtless have bought a good deal of Christian fiction. Much of it has been of secondary quality compared with secular fiction, but the effort to cast many aspects of life in general, and young people's interests in particular, in a Christian context is to be commended.

Prophecy shared this downward trend with religious fiction, but other categories of religious books were up in sales last year and prospects are good for continued interest in worthwhile titles.

Statistics

Religious books held their customary third place in the number of titles published. Fiction came first with 2,235 titles and juveniles were second with 1,522. Religion was up five per cent over 1957 with 1,050 titles as against 1,003. Science has held fourth place again but increased its production over 1957 by 11 per cent to hit 1,000 titles.

The highest single gain for the year was made by the fine arts which advanced 32 per cent over the previous year to achieve a total of 459 titles. According to *Publishers' Weekly* tally, 13,462 new titles were issued during the year, 320 above the year before.

Zondervan, which, by the way, has changed its name to Zondervan Pub-

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Dr. Arnold Ehlert, *Action's* book editor and librarian of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, is shown using a silver shovel to break ground for BIOLA'S new $125,000 library. The building, which will be erected on the school's new 70-acre campus in La Mirada, will have shelf space for more than 75,000 volumes. It will serve the Institute as well as Biola College, Biola School of Missionary Medicine and Talbot Seminary.

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By LARRY WARD

"OF MAKING MANY BOOKS," opined the Preacher, there is no end" (Ecc. 12:12).

In the case of Dr. Wilbur Smith, whose friends would probably be quick to nominate him as "America's No. One Bibliophile," the verse might well be amended to say "Of *reading* many books there is no end."

When Smith, professor of English Bible at Fuller Theological Seminary, encourages some young Timothy in his classes to "give attendance to reading" (1 Tim. 4:13), the exhortation takes on added impact because of the example of Smith's own life.

Recently he was asked to speak for fifteen minutes as part of a banquet program honoring a Christian magazine. Smith *began* his preparation for what might seem to be a very simple task by reading the complete biographies of four of America's great religious editors.

When his busy schedule takes him away from his classes in Pasadena, California, with him goes an inevitable companion: a leather-covered wooden "book box" which holds about fifteen volumes.

At any given moment, a table next to his desk at Fuller Seminary is strewn with some fifty-odd books he is yet to read. Although his more-than-full schedule (his teaching load at the seminary . . . his editorship since 1935 of *Peloubet's Select Notes* on the International Sunday School lessons, his Sunday school and other regular Bible study classes . . . the columns and departments he writes for various Christian magazines) precludes his answering all the requests that come to him to read manuscripts and to pen forewords and introductions, he does find time to write about four prefaces a year—only, of course, after thoroughly reading each of the books in galleys.

Incidentally, despite his love for books and missionary influence in challenging others to read, Smith finds it a physical impossibility to keep up with all the requests that come to him for bibliographies and reading suggestions. A typical recent morning's mail brought four such requests, with each letter beginning in almost the same words: "I know you are busy. Sorry to intrude on your heavy schedule. Please forgive me. But I am wondering if you could give me a list of all the books you would recommend on the subject of . . ." Requests like this do point up for him the need for an annotated monthly guide for contemporary theological literature, as well as for an eventual book-length compilation of something like "10,000 Books for the Minister's Library."

With his busy teaching-speaking-writing agenda, the energetic Smith naturally confines most of his reading to books which bear directly on his scheduled activities. Right now, for example, he is reading everything he can (and with Smith, that adds up to a gargantuan amount) on London. This is in connection with his forthcoming *The Christian Traveler in London,* a sort of Baedeker guide to institutions and places of special interest to the Christian traveling there.

A natural question, as one looks at the 24,000 volumes in Smith's own library, is whether or not he has any particular favorite . . . if there is any one book, besides the Bible, to which he frequently turns. When this query is posed, the professor cocks his head, squints reflectively . . . and then admits that, aside from a special fondness for Alexander Whyte, there probably is no "teacher's pet" among his many friends on the shelves.

Another logical question—and one guaranteed to produce an interesting response—is to ask whether or not his library includes any rare volumes. Dr. Smith has been on the book hunting trail in more than a dozen countries as well as in stores and libraries and garrets all over the United States. Trophies of these hunts are rare finds like his complete set (one of only 29 in the world today) of the Bampton lectures

** Which, according to Webster, simply means that he loves books.*

Photo by Lloyd Hamill

dating back to 1780 . . . an equally rare collection of *The Sword and Trowel,* Charles Haddon Spurgeon's magazine . . . and the 12-volume *The Poetical Works of John and Charles Wesley* (London, 1869)—to mention only a representative few.

"Perhaps the rarest volume in my library," Smith declares, "may be also the most important book on prophetic subjects published in America before 1800. It is *The Mystery of Israel's Salvation,* by the most learned of all American Puritan divines, Increase Mather, once president of Harvard College. Published in 1669, the book is filled with Scripture references and the defense of many prophetic beliefs held by conservative pre-millennialists today, including the return of the Jews to Palestine. The index to authors indicates the vastness of Mather's reading at that time. Some of the books he refers to cannot be found anywhere in Europe or America today.

"Among other rare works on prophecy I am privileged to have is one by the famous mathematician Napier, *A Plaine Discovery of the Whole Revelation of St. John,* (5th ed., 1645); and *An Exposition Upon the Thirteenth Chapter of Revelation,* by one of Boston's leading seventeenth century preachers, John Cotton, a work of some 260 pages published in 1655, and the same author's *The Pouring Out of the Seven Vials; Or an Exposition of the Sixteenth Chapter of Revelation with Application of It to Our Times* (London, 1642).

"Coming down to later times," he adds, "I am pleased to have possibly the only set in America of the four-volume early edition of Robert Govett's monumental exposition of the Book of Revelation, *The Apocalypse Expounded By Scripture* (London, 1861) issued under the pen-name Methettees. Another book, which I have not seen listed in a second-hand catalog for at least 35 years, is Millington's *Testimony of the Heathen to the Truths of Holy Writ,* published in London, 1863—nearly 700 pages of quotations from Greek and Latin writings with more or less parallel passages in the Old and New Testament."

But Smith, explaining the arrangement of his library with its 800 books on prophecy and 1800 books of sermons and so on, is quick to tell the young minister or pastor-to-be: "Don't try to build a library like this. Too awkward, too cumbersome." He does counsel emphatically: *"Build your library around the Word of God.* That's basic, if you are going to feed your people."

With an almost-impatient brush of the hand and shake of the head, he says: "Avoid books of sermon illustrations and canned outlines. A minister can find abundant illustrations in his reading and in his own observations of life."

Although he is often asked to provide that inevitable list of "ten basis books," he points out that an individual's reading—if it is to be functional and practical—will naturally vary with his personal needs and interests and background. But Smith's own consuming interest in the Word of God is evident as he advises the young minister to be sure his library includes books of Biblical introduction, Bible commentaries, Bible geography and archaeological works along with other books of biography and history. (Smith is on his way to acquiring all the Bible dictionaries available in the English language, with about two-thirds of them in his possession already. He is scheduled to teach a new seminar at Fuller on "History of Bible Dictionaries.")

How can a minister or any Christian interested in the right kind of reading, go about finding books? Smith has a whole series of answers to this one. In fact, an entire chapter in his book *Chats from a Minister's Library* is devoted to this subject.

His advice, in brief: "To find books that we want, *one must go where books are seen and sold,* or, keep everlastingly reading book catalogues as they appear —rare books, second-hand books, new books, and of course by sending one's needs to booksellers throughout the land."

Admitting that what he has to say on this important point may seem "platitudinous indeed," he adds: "This matter of going where books are is exceedingly important. If one has a real love for books, the first thing he does when he alights from a train in any large city with a few hours to wait will be to go directly to the street on which the second-hand bookstores are located."

His special tips to the book hunter: "Get close to the libraries. Get acquainted with the librarians and watch for 'back door bargains.'" He can cite instances of libraries that have cleared their shelves of thousands of books, selling valuable volumes for as low as ten cents apiece. Books of evangelical significance are often available in this way when libraries "clean house." Publishers and distributors too, he reminds, often dispose of excess volumes at bargain rates.

"With a library of this size," Bibliophile Smith admits, "I am often asked if there are any books I still want to secure." He adds, emphatically: "Of course there are! New books are being published each month in the field of theology and Biblical interpretation that must be added to the collection. In addition, there are many volumes—not necessarily very old ones—for which I have searched for years without success. One of these I have inquired for in at least 50 bookstores in Britain and America is Edmond McClure's *Historical Church Atlas,* published not more than 60 years ago in London.

"A volume which many bookselling friends in Edinburgh said they had never heard of is *The Bible in Waverly,* published in Edinburgh in 1884. I would be very happy to secure two books by James Bicheno, *The Restoration of the Jews, the Crisis of All Nations,* 1800, and *The Destiny of the German Empire,* 1806. Though there are copies in a number of libraries, I have never been able to purchase the precious volume, *Breakfast Conversations of Charles Simeon.*

"When in the British Museum three years ago, I came upon a two-volume set of *The Second Advent,* by John Frye, published in 1822. For this I would be glad to pay a substantial sum, as well as for another work on prophecy by one of the greatest Biblical scholars of the first half of the 19th century, J. H. Todd, *The Various Interpretations of the Apocalypse,* 1841. Still in the area of prophecy, I would like to add to my library two volumes by Henry Drummond (not the well-known Henry Drummond of the latter part of the 19th century) *Edward Irving and Other Dialogues on Prophecy.*

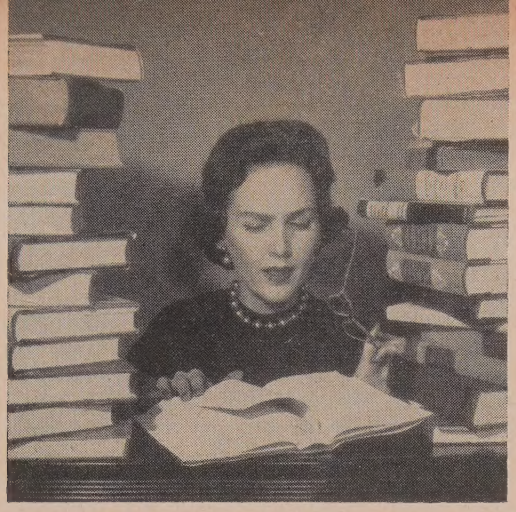
"It may surprise some to know that I have a card catalog list of over 4,000 different titles that I would like to add to my library. Many of these will never be found, undoubtedly, in the years that remain to me."

He has words of special encouragement to the small town or rural area pastor who may feel that he is cheated by not being near the big cities with their many stores. "Often," Smith reminds people like this, "the book stores in the smaller towns have not been 'worked over,' and you can find rare books not available in the larger cities."

But perhaps his most important counsel can be put in a single word: *"Read."*

Busy Professor Wilbur Smith, with book in hand (and probably at least one other book bulging in a pocket), reminds one of the oft-told tale of the saintly old preacher who was asked by admiring youngster colleagues how he managed to get up so early each morning for his devotional life and study. "Do you pray and ask for special help?" they queried. His simple reply: "I just get up."

And just so, interrogated as to how he can manage in his busy life to read so much, Wilbur Smith could simply answer: *"I just read."*



Fifty Best Books

March 1, 1958 — March 1, 1959

TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS
EVANGELICAL IN SENTIMENT

Although the volumes listed below obviously do not reflect all the convictions of all evangelical groups, they either (1) set forth major doctrines in a significant manner; (2) presuppose such doctrines in an attempted application to modern problems; (3) attempt a serious solution for some problem on an evangelical approach which, while not necessarily endorsed, should be known; or (4) present the evangelical mind in some other attractive and interesting way.

G. C. Berkouwer, *The Conflict with Rome.* 319 pp. Presbyterian and Reformed. $5.95. From close contact and careful study this Dutch theologian opens up some matters that will interest the American student of the Protestant-Catholic conflict.

G. C. Berkouwer, *Faith and Perseverance.* 256 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00 The sixth to appear in an English translation of a 20-volume set by the evangelical Dutch theologian of the Free University of Amsterdam.

Elisabeth Elliot, *Shadow of the Almighty.* 256 pp. Harper. $3.75. This book has already become something of a classic, and has transformed many lives. It gives background material of the life of the author's husband, one of the five whom the Aucas killed.

Charles L. Feinberg, ed., *The Fundamentals for Today.* 2 vols. Kregel Publications. $7.95. The Jubilee edition of the famous set of twelve volumes originally issued around 1903 and circulated around the world. A committee of Talbot Theological Seminary revised and condensed the material.

Don H. Cross, *The Case for Spiritual Healing.* 263 pp. Nelson. $3.95. A review of the present situation with the theological background involved and an encouragement to the church to use the ministry of healing. True miraculous work of God is accepted.

Floyd E. Hamilton, *The Epistle to the Romans, an Exposition and Devotional Commentary.* 235 pp. Baker Book House. $4.75. The author has had wide experience on the mission field and in ministry, and is a careful writer.

Guy Franklin Hershberger, *The Way of the Cross in Human Relations.* xiii, 424 pp. Herald Press. $5.50. A study of basic Christian social ethics with a historical sketch and current application to many phases of economic and social life.

Charles E. Hummel, *Campus Christian Witness; an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Manual.* 219 pp. Inter-Varsity Press. $3.00. The first really substantial manual for personal witnessing in our colleges and universities.

Jokob Jocz, *A Theology of Election: Israel and the Church.* 227 pp. Macmillan. $5.00. A recognized authority on Hebrew-Christian matters discusses one of the key doctrines common to both. His former book was *Paul and Rabbinic Judaism.*

Arthur W. Kac, *The Rebirth of the State of Israel—Is it of God or of Men?* 387 pp. Moody. $3.50. A major document on a most timely and exciting question of significance to world history and biblical theology. The author is a Hebrew Christian.

William Sanford LaSor, *Great Personalities of the Old Testament: Their Lives and Times.* 192 pp. Revell. $3.00. Eighteen chapters present nearly as many characters set in their life situations and examine their encounter with God and His revelation to them.

Kenneth S. Latourette, *The Nineteenth Century in Europe.* 498 pp. Harper. $6.00. Volume I of a projected 5-volume set on Christianity in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This will likely become a classic.

Lois E. LeBar, *Education That is Christian.* 252 pp. Revell. $3.75. The director of the graduate department of Christian education at Wheaton College discusses the basic philosophy of evangelical method and emphasis in the field.

Herbert Lockyer, *All the Men of the Bible.* 381 pp. Zondervan. $4.95. This is not only a cyclopedic work but a

spiritual classic. Names, meanings, and Scriptural citations are included for 3,000 persons mentioned in the Bible.

Walter A. Maier, *The Book of Nahum, a Commentary*. 386 pp. Concordia. $5.75. The late preacher of the world-famous Lutheran Hour spent years on this study and poured into it not only the careful scholarship of which he was able but the passion of the preacher as well. The Hebrew text is used on the basis.

Clyde M. Narramore, *This Way to Happiness: Psychology for Living*. 183 pp. Zondervan. $2.95 (paper, $1.95). The major factors of psychological well-being are discussed by a Christian psychologist in public education.

Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life*. 275 pp. Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Pa. $2.00. A Chinese Christian (Nee To-sheng) delves deeply here into the basic strata of Christian standing and life.

J. I. Packer, *'Fundamentalism' and the Word of God; Some Evangelical Principles*. 191 pp. Eerdmans. $1.25. Because this little volume is in paper its price is within the range of all laymen, and they owe it to themselves to know what it says.

Alan Redpath, *Victorious Christian Service; Studies in the Book of Nehemiah*. 190 pp. Revell. $3.00. A manual for the servant of the Lord in whatever capacity he may labor. The last historian of Old Testament times leaves things ready for the coming of Messiah. So the Christian worker prepares for the coming of his Lord.

Rosalind Rinker, *The Years that Count; a Book that Lets Young People Think for Themselves*. 118 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. For twelve years the author has worked with young people as a staff member of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. This book seeks to bridge the gap between high school and college.

Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *The Place of Women in the Church*. xi, 155 pp. Macmillan. $2.95. Women probably do more than their share of work in the church. This study is a contribution to biblical theology and as such should be welcomed and studied carefully by all church leaders.

E. K. Simpson and F. F. Bruce, *Commentary on the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians*. 328 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00. Seventh in the series called The New International Commentary on the New Testament. There is a good introduction and the notes are in the expository tradition.

Paul van Buren, *Christ in our Place*. xiii, 152 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. The English book on the central doctrine of Calvin's theology, and a most wholesome treatise.

Edward J. Young, *The Study of the Old Testament Theology Today*. 112 pp. Revell. Lectures delivered at the dedication of the new premises of the London Bible College.

Edward J. Young, *Thy Word is Truth*. 287 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50. A strong polemic against the neo-orthodox view of the Bible, contending strongly for the Bible not merely as the witness to some nebulous word of God, but the Word of God itself.

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TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EVANGELICALS

Volumes listed below are not evangelical in sentiment but are significant either because (1) they are doctrinally inarticulate, obscuring their evangelical loyalties; (2) they clearly reflect various degrees of departure from evangelism, yet represent a viewpoint or achievement with which evangelicals should be familiar; or (3) they are compilations of representative viewpoints and hence necessarily are not exclusively evangelical.

Gustav Aulen, *Eucharist and Sacrifice*. xiv, 212 pp. Muhlenberg. $3.50. Since this is one of the cruxes of modern ecumenical tension this lucid discussion deserves attention by all who would understand the issues.

Millar Burrows, *More Light on the Dead Sea Scrolls*. xiii, 434 pp. Viking. $6.50. Re-evaluation of the impact on Christian positions by later discoveries of texts and further studies on the earlier finds. Indexes are included for this and his former *Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Norman Cousins, *In God We Trust: The Religious Beliefs and Ideas of the American Founding Fathers.* viii, 464 pp. Harper. $5.95. A source book with considerable annotations by the compiler. It is not designed to bolster any one theological position but to gather together what was written.

Frank Moore Cross, *The Ancient Library of Qumran.* 196 pp. Doubleday. $4,50. From intimate acquaintance with the texts themselves the author extracts from the most important of them impacts on Old Testament criticism and New Testament background.

J. G. Davies, *He Ascended into Heaven; A Study in the History of Doctrine.* 224 pp. Association Press. $4.75. The first book in English during this century exclusively devoted to this important doctrine and the first in any language to outline the history of the doctrine.

Hans A. deBoer, *The Bridge is Love: Jottings from a Traveller's Notebook.* 255 pp. Eerdmans. $4.50. After four years of travel and visits to areas of racial tension around the world the author seeks to find the New Testament answer to one of the world's most pressing problems.

A. Roy Eckardt, *The Surge of Piety in America.* 192 pp. Association Press. $3.50. This book attempts to describe and evaluate the current and recent increase in popular interest in religion and he finds that this new faith is not quite adequate and may be on the decline.

Nelson Glueck, *Rivers in the Desert.* 302 pp. Farrar, Straus and Cudahy. $6.50. No man can make the desert live in valid reality as it was in biblical times, and is indeed beginning to do again, like Nelson Glueck. Southern Palestine is full of ruins and romance, one finds here.

Cyrus H. Gordon, *The World of the Old Testament; an Introduction to Old Testament Times.* 312 pp. Doubleday. $3.95. A revised edition of the 1953 title, *Introduction to Old Testament Times.* A new approach to Chronicles and Dead Sea materials make this edition necessary.

Edmund Jacob, *Theology of the Old Testament.* 368 pp. Harper. $5.00. While not satisfactory at some points, this is another substantial contribution to this growing literature.

Michel Join-Lambert, *Jerusalem.* Translated by Charlotte Haldane. 223 pp. Putnam. $5.95. The summing up of the main facts of the city's history—Jewish, Christian, and Mohammedan, with the results of archaeology in a most profusely illustrated volume.

Howard Clark Kee and Franklin W. Young, *Understanding the New Testament.* 492 pp. Prentice-Hall. $7.95. A very delightfully gotten-up volume with many helps. Unfortunately it is off balance on the liberal side to the extent of ignoring the conservative viewpoint no matter how ably presented.

J. N. D. Kelly, *Early Christian Doctrines.* 501 pp. Harper. $5.75. A major contribution to the history of Christian doctrine from the patristic period to the present with summary treatment instead of detailed analysis.

Charles M. Laymon, *Christ in the New Testament.* 256 pp. Abingdon. $3.50. A new Christology in the biblical theology format by the editor of adult publications of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Kenneth W. Morgan, *Islam—The Straight Path.* 453 pp. Ronald Press. $6.00. Present-day Islam is wielding an increasing influence in the Middle East and in some other Asian areas, and is coming into increasing conflict with the Christian church.

Sabatino Moscati, *Ancient Civilizations.* 254 pp. Putnam. $5.00. With recognition of the increasing significance of Biblical parallels in other nations, ths book by the professor of Semitic philology in the University of Rome brings the Bible student up to date on the present state of such knowledge.

Boris Pasternak, *Doctor Zhivago.* Translated from the Russian by Max Hayward and Manya Harari. 558 pp. Pantheon. $5.00. The spiritual implications of this best seller and internationally significant novel commend it as a significant contribution which is likely to continue as a classic.

Edmund Perry, *The Gospel in Dispute: The Relation of Christian Faith to Other Missionary Religions.* 230 pp. Doubleday. $3.95. The four chief non-Christian religions. are examined and depicted and the biblical basis of the Christian position and mission are set over aganst them.

J. B. Phillips, *The New Testament in Modern English.* xiv, 575 pp. Macmillan. $6.00. After publication of all the parts separately we now have this very readable and increasingly loved version in one attractive volume.

Vincent Taylor, *The Person of Christ in New Testament Teaching.* x, 321 pp. St. Martin's Press. $5.00. Using both the exegetical and the theological methods the author traces the development of thought through the New Testament on this important subject. The material had been delivered at Oxford University.

Henry P. Van Dusen, *Spirit, Son, and Father: Christian Faith in the Light of the Holy Spirit.* xxi, 180 pp. Scribner. $3.50. A reversal of the usual order of dealing with the Trinity, and a new emphasis in contemporary Christian thought.

Paul A. Varg. *Missionaries, Chinese, and Diplomats; the American Protestant Missionary Movement in China, 1890-1952.* xii, 335 pp. Princeton University Press. $6.00. The associate professor of history at Ohio State University approaches the problems objectively and finds Protestant missionary work in China an apparent failure but having left some mark.

Th. C. Vriezen, *An Outline of Old Testament Theology.* viii, 388 pp. Charles T. Branford, Newton Centre, Mass. $7.50. A Dutch scholar develops a survey of the main themes of Old Testament thought in a moderately liberal tradition.

Charles C. West, *Communism and the Theologians; an Encounter.* 399 pp. Westminster. $6.00. An analysis of the present situation which accepts the inevitability of having to live with Communism and suggests ways to drive through it into the hearts of Communist individuals.

Gustaf Wingren, *Theology in Conflict: Nygren-Barth-Bultmann.* xxii, 170 pp. Muhlenberg. $3.25. Three of the most influential theologians in the world today are examined in regard to their basic assumptions. All three are found to come short of the true gospel.

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lications, reported 61 new titles with Eerdmans running second in the religious field with 51. Abingdon led the religious list with 78 new titles and Westminster had 53.

Contests

Zondervan closed their second quarter-century contest December 31. Christian fiction, Christian textbooks, and books for children shared in a $10,000 total in awards. At the time of writing, winners have not been announced.

Significant Series and Sets

We always watch with interest the announcement of a new series of substantial sets of books. This last year a number began to appear. One of these is the "Why I Am" series (Nelson). A sample is *Why I Am a Jew* by David de Sola Pool. It is addressed to both Jew and non-Jew and is a summary both of his own personal faith and of the general tenets and history of the Jews. A short glossary and index make the book a useful introduction to the Jewish faith.

Other volumes delineate the faith of the Baptists, Catholics, Christian Scientists, Disciples of Christ, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Mormons, and Presbyterians.

Zondervan is issuing *The Works of John Wesley* in 14 volumes, to be completed about the middle of 1959. This will be the first complete and unabridged edition in nearly 100 years.

A project of twenty volumes on source materials in Protestant thought for the past 400 years is announced by Oxford University Press. A grant of $11,000 from the Hazen Foundation will aid in this work. The series will be called "A Library of Protestant Thought." More than half of this material has never been published in English before. The first volume is expected to appear in 1960.

Eerdmans has announced a new printing of *The Pulpit Commentary* and new edition of *The Great Texts of the Bible* by James Hastings.

Scripture Press is undertaking a complete set of lessons for outdoor Bible camps consisting of a nine-year-graded curriculum for three age groups — junior, junior high, and high school. Instructors' manuals for each group and studies for five daily classes with other helps will be included.

Bibles

There is usually something stirring every year in the field of Bible translations. This year the highlights were the appearance of the complete Phillips *New Testament in Modern English* (Macmillan) and *The Amplified New Testament* (Zondervan). The former has been a best seller in some general book stores and the latter in a number of religious bookstores.

Announced for early appearance is the whole Bible in the Berkeley Version (Zondervan). The New Testament appeared in 1945 and the Old Testament has been in preparation for a number of years by a group of some twenty scholars. This will be a conservative version and is awaited with anticipation.

Hawthorn Books announced the publication of a new Catholic Bible to

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NEW BOOKS AND REPRINTS MARK CALVIN MEMORIAL YEAR

By JACOB T. HOOGSTRA

■ THIS YEAR MARKS the 450th anniversary of the birth of the pilot of the Reformation, John Calvin, and the 400th anniversary of the final edition of the Reformation's greatest theological treatise *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* — considered Calvin's masterpiece.

To know his writings, to appreciate his sacrifices, to catch his inspiration is the greatest memorial we can erect to perhaps the most misunderstood man of Christendom.

Dr. T. F. Torrance of Edinburgh has written a new "Introduction" to the recently republished *Tracts* (Eerdmans, 3 vol., $15). To obtain a complete picture of Calvin is to take note of his tracts. *Calvin's Letters* are being published by the same house (4 vols., $20). His letters reflect both his intrepid spirit and loyalty to the truth and his humanity.

The Rise and Development of Calvinism has been edited by Dr. John H. Bratt of Calvin College. He himself has contributed two chapters, "The Life and Work of John Calvin" and "The Historic Development of Calvinism in America." The other three chapters cover historical developments in other lands and were written by professors in the same institution. Eerdmans is the publisher of this volume also at $3.00.

Dr. John H. Kromminga, president of Calvin Seminary, has enriched our Calvin literature by publishing *Thine Is My Heart* (Zondervan, $3.95). He has culled a selection for each day of the year for meditative reading. These selections establish the thesis that Calvin taught God's Word to edify God's people. There is no distance between the exegetical and the practical.

To Be or Not To Be Reformed (Zondervan, $2.95) was written by Emeritus President R. B. Kuiper. Although directed chiefly toward the Christian Reformed Church, Its message is for the Reformed family. The author wrote this book in commemoration of the birth of John Calvin. It is contemporary.

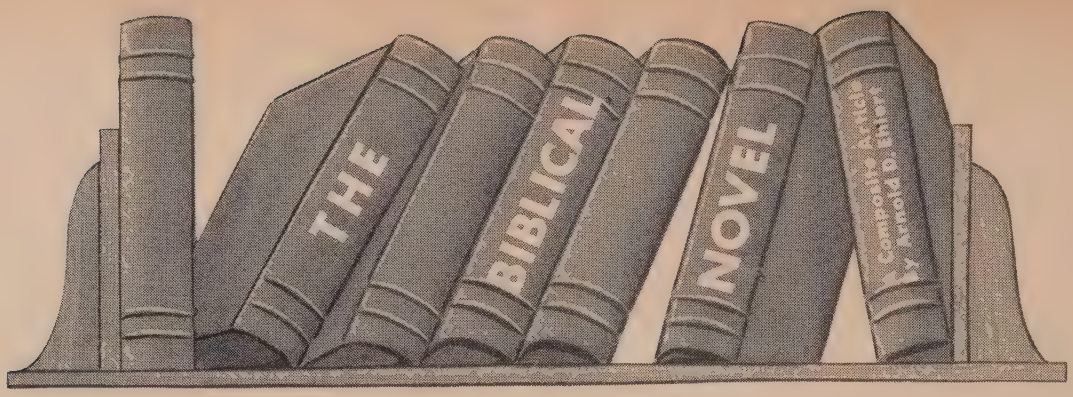
Younger folk will be delighted to receive another book from the pen of Mrs. Thea B. Van Halsema. Her visit to several of the places where Calvin made history gives background to *This Was John Calvin* (Zondervan, $2.95). It will also be enjoyed by adults.

John Calvin—Contemporary Prophet is a memorial specific. Its value will long outlive this memorial year. Edited by J. T. Hoogstra, its composition is ecumenical with writers coming from France, United States, England, Netherlands, South Africa and from Canada.

This most significant work has three sections—The Humanity of the Prophet, The Pen of the Prophet and The Relevance of the Prophet. It is being published by Baker Book House and will be ready September 1.

This same house is publishing a *Manual on John Calvin* (75 cents) by Dr. John H. Bratt. It covers both the history and teachings of Calvin and is especially suited for group studies and Christian educational projects for churches and societies.

The Westminster Press will publish a completely new translation in our idiom of Calvin's *Institutes* in 1960. The Calvin and Reformation scholar, Dr. John T. McNeill, a craftsman in his field, will edit this publication. This new translation is following the trend in other countries to publish the *Institutes* in the idiom of today.



THE BIBLICAL NOVEL has risen to a position of importance in the field of religious literature during the last few years. It is quite possible that it has already passed the peak of its popularity.

It is nonetheless an appropriate time to take notice of it and high time for at least a beginning of some criticism of it. The checklist will show that during the past ten years over a hundred titles in this field have appeared. A substantial percentage of the total is still in print. Nearly forty novels on Christ are among these, including some of the oldest of them.

There is no question that the Bible is legitimately subject to fictional treatment. This shares, to some extent, the method used in preaching and exposition in which the limited Biblical material is examined minutely and expanded in harmony with other Scriptural writings and from related literature, life, and nature. Bible story books are perhaps the first step removed in this direction from the actual text itself.

When we come to the adult novel with a Biblical setting, however, we have a more highly developed form. The Biblical novel is one division in the field of the historical novel. This latter is a very large field, as any reader's adviser in the larger public libraries can readily demonstrate.

There are manuals that list fiction by subject and historical fiction in great detail by period, country, personage, and under many other headings. Any great event or period and a great many prominent characters of history can be illustrated by fictional treatment. It was inevitable that the Bible should be included. Some of the early classics in this realm are still in print—*Ben Hur* by Lew Wallace and Thomas Mann's Joseph series.

Elbert Lenrow, in his *Reader's Guide to Prose Fiction* prepared for the Commission on Secondary School Curriculum (1940), for some strange reason lists only seven Biblical novels among a total of 1500 works of fiction "for use in meeting the needs of individuals in general education." Three of these are the Joseph books of Thomas Mann. The other four are all subversive: Elmer Davis' *Giant Killer* (1928), George Moore's *The Brook Kerith* (1916), Robert Nathan's *Jonah* (1925), and Louis Untermeyer's *Moses* (1928).

In the first David takes credit for deeds he did not do, in the second Jesus survives the crucifixion and returns to the Essenes, in the third Jonah is satirized, and in the fourth Moses is portrayed "as half-mystic and half-hypocrite." Set over against these so totally misrepresentative examples of Biblical fiction there are around 300 other categories of subject matter in which we find ten titles listed under "Adultery," eleven under "Illegitimacy of Birth," and 48 under "Sex." One hardly needs to make any observation on this disparity.

PURPOSE OF BIBLICAL NOVEL

The purpose of the Biblical novel is different from that of the merely Christian novel. In the latter there is an influence and a testimony that usually governs the writer's purpose. In the former the larger purposes of the historical novel come into play—the recreation of an authentic social and cultural milieu and the study of personality and historical developments.

There is overlapping in both directions, of course. Dorothy Clarke Wilson (*The Brother, The Herdsman, Prince of Egypt, Jezebel*) says, "I believe that Biblical fiction makes a real contribution in making historical events and great personalities vitally alive, human, and understandable. It not only makes the past live again but is able to interpret the present in its relationship to that past, showing that the problems which we face today are universal and that the Bible has the pertinent answers for them."

Florence M. Bauer (*Abram Son of Terah, Behold Your King, Daughter of Nazareth*) says, "I write Biblical novels because it is a good way to make the average Occidental reader understand that Oriental Book, our Bible. Even modern Oriental custom is different from his, and the ancient must be quite puzzling." Esther Kellner (*Mary of Nazareth, Promise*) points out that "to the modern reader, the men and women of the Bible may seem little more than shadowy beings moving through a dim and alien world."

RESEARCH IS ARDUOUS TASK

Something of the arduous task in reconstructing the background for Biblical fiction may be seen from the words of Mrs. Kellner, "Material is compiled from the most authoritative sources available, sometimes over a period of years. Besides studying the work of leaders in the fields of Biblical history and archaeology, I consult scholars of various faiths also."

Mrs. Bauer writes, "My research has been going on over some thirty years in Bible history as it relates to secular and political history and in archaeological findings as they relate to Bble events. But the results of any research for fiction must be so worked into the thoughts and acions of the characters that plot development isn't slowed to a stroll."

While writing *The Herdsman* Mrs. Wilson "became deeply interested in the origins of the Christian concept of democracy. I discovered that its roots extended even deeper into the past than the rich stratum of Hebrew prophets, and I determined to follow them to their source. The search took me back another half millennium into the heart of the oldest civilization which is intimately known to history."

FIDELITY TO THE TEXT

The writers were asked what liberties they felt could safely be taken with the text of the Bible. Mrs. Bauer takes "no liberties with the actual Bible text, except to modernize the English after consulting more than eight modern translations." She supplements with narrative and dialogue, of course, but works within the most reliable chronology of the times.

Jean Cabries in *Jacob* (Dutton) has some anachronisms and modernizes both customs and costumes at points, but some reviewers have not seen this as a totally detrimental characteristic.

Margaret Cate (*Without a Sword*) feels that it might be safe "to telescope into a brief period of time events which were widely separated," but she would not "put imaginary words into the mouths of historical characters." She feels from her teaching experience that "historical characters, even in fiction, take on the attributes of fact in the minds of many readers," and for that reason is loath to do violence to the Biblical setting.

SEXUAL NATURALISM

Doubtless the one characteristic of modern novels in general, and of some Biblical fiction also, which offends the non-literary Christian more than anything is sexual plain talk. Many mature and well adjusted adults are not bothered by this if it is genuinely in order in the story and is handled artistically. Others will contend that it has no place in a religious book, least of all in a Biblical work of fiction.

There are some things to be said on both sides of the question. There is, of course, sex in the Bible and where it is dealt with, it is always in a straightforward manner and without apology. Mrs. Bauer believes "in showing people as they are with some virtues, some faults, some irritating habits. The depicting of sex depends on many factors—the story one has in mind, the period, the locale, the type (and age) of characters, etc. As to explicit detail, what *is* good taste? Doesn't it, too, depend on many factors? For instance, the Oriental is shockingly frank about sexual behavior. . . . Sex is only one phase of life and living. I treat it as such in my stories."

Harold C. Gardiner in his *Norms for the Novel* (1953) gives two basic canons for judging the moral soundness and decency of a work of literature. The first of these is the recognition of sin for what it is. In fidelity to this principle sin may be made attractive only insofar as it has to be to sway the characters to yield to it. It must not be so attractive that the reader is in turn swayed either in judgment or in conduct (p. 42, 52). The second canon is that sin may be described in detail only in a manner that it will not "become a proximate temptation to sin for a normally well-balanced reader" (p. 57).

It is not easy here to draw the line. One expects in a novel on Sodom and Gomorrah to find sin described, and here even the Biblical account is unquestionably "realistic." Maria Ley-Piscator in her *Lot's Wife* (Bobbs-Merrill, 1954) has some pretty lurid scenes in Sodom. Thomas Mann spends some fifty pages in a psychological study of the attempted seduction of Joseph by Potiphar's wife, but none except the serious reader will wade through Thomas Mann.

The church librarian in particular has a heavy responsibility in selecting Biblical novels. One church librarian discarded Lagerkvist's *Barabbas* (Random House, 1951) because of the brothel scene in which the freed wretch partook the night of the crucifixion. We eliminated one title from this checklist because its use of sex was excessive and had no essential relevance in most places (a bibliographic sleuth could probably identify it if he knew that it has over a thousand pages).

An artificial and total head-burying in respect to these matters could be countered with a statement as this by Halford E. Luccock, "Organized religion can neglect the literature of its time only at its peril . . . The creative writing of any time is one of the most authentic sources of knowledge of the tempers and distempers of that time, in which religion must live and move and do whatever work of redemption it is to achieve. To neglect it is like a physician neglecting to take a patient's pulse or temperature; for literature is both" (*Contemporary American Literature and Religion,* 1934, p. 3).

Edmund Fuller says, "You cannot have a vital literature if you ignore evil. What you get then is the goody-goody in place of the good" (*Man in Modern Fiction,* 1958, p. 40). "What is to the clinic a necessary examination . . . can be in the novel only a morbid preoccupation" (p. 74).

STIMULATING CRITICISM

One of the most stimulating criticisms of literature, and fiction in particular, is *Testament of Vision* (Eerdmans, 1958) by the late Henry Zylstra, professor of English literature at Calvin College. In the best of the Reformed tradition he puts his finger on the central problem: "We object, for instance, to wickedness being reproduced as something to delight in. We object to the merely filthy and unredeemed perverse being presented as though they were natural and right. We do not want to see erotic man wallowing in the slough of his self-love, or his dirty pleasures enveloped in an aura of sanctity" (p. 48). The frightful fact about fiction is that it is concrete, "it is not a theory but a manifestation. In fiction the skeleton of life takes on the body" (p. 49),

Dr. Zylstra does not believe in avoiding the novel because it is not all that might be wished. Some things can be seen better "in the flesh of fiction than in the skeleton of theory," but these novels still require "Christian reading, Christian appropriation, interpretation, and appraisal," and their religious assumptions must be examined. Pastors and English teachers in our Christian colleges share this obligation. Most of them know little about Biblical novels.

Further, fiction is a form of knowledge. We go to it to learn and to feel "that modern man is a stupid creature whose supposed intelligence is operated in fact by forces over which his volition has no control, a mechanism motivated by primitive urges, an anatomy subject to insane moments of cruelty and fear . . . an irrational being incompetent to manage his own life" (p. 69). This will serve to reinforce the teaching of Scripture that man needs not only redemption but constant divine direction in his life.

THEOLOGY IS IMPORTANT

There can be good literary form without basic Christian assumptions. This is characteristic of many Biblical novels written by secular novelists. Even many of those written by nominal Christian authors lack a truly Biblical basis theologically. Mediocre or poor writing within the proper theological framework, however, does not become thereby good literature. Even though writing as a Jew, Sholem Asch in his *Mary* makes a wholesome impact. He presents the virgin birth as the Bible tells the story. But when he comes to *The Prophet* he falls far below both the rich implications of the Biblical material and short of what many had hoped would be at least an implicit confession of his own personal faith in the Messiah.

The doctrines of man and sin are most closely in-

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

interpreting around-the-world new

Pleased and Displeased

■ POPE JOHN XIII played the little game of "pleased and displeased" over reaction to his call for an Ecumenical Council. Commenting on the Protestant reaction, the official information bulletin of the Rome diocese, of which the Pope is bishop, said it was "disappointing." The attitude of the Eastern Orthodox Churches is one of "confidence and expectation," however.

Liberal Protestantism, for the most part, has adopted a "wait and see' attitude while evangelical leaders scored "the division in the ranks of Protestants" and urged that they not ignmore the "mighty gains resulting from the Reformation."

The information bulletin made special mention of comments among Italy's small Protestant minority of 200,000. It noted that while they had expressed satisfication, many points of controversy were listed. The Italian Presbyterian Church rejected the Pope's offer as little more than a repetition of a long-standing invitation to reunite "inside the Catholic Church."

That this, indeed, is about all the Council will turn out to be—despite its name, "Council of Hope"—was indicated by the bulletin's statement that the Pope is willing to forget "the insults of the past" as "all return to the common Father." Many Protestants and evangelicals will not so easily forget the insults of the Inquisition and the more modern ones in Colombia, however, until they see fruit meet for repentance.

Evangelical Unity

■ EVANGELICALS WERE talking about Christian unity, too, and it turned out to be a critical self-analysis. One of the weaknesses of the evangelical movement in this country is that it has "lost too much of the passion for Christian unity," Dr. Carl F. H. Henry told a Providence audience. The cause of Christian unity, the editor of *Christianity Today* said, "is publicly identified with theologically inclusive ecumenism more than with doctrinally exclusive evangelicalism."

Charging that evangelical churches fail to exhibit "that outward cohesion which submerges the spirit of competition to one common witness," Dr. Henry applauded free enterprise in religion but said that "Christian rivalry is out of bounds."

Arab Division

■ ON THE OTHER side of the world, a wide split had developed in Arab nationalism. The abortive revolt in Iraq had catapulted the Communists to the top and it was no longer a question of whether or not Iraq would fall into the Soviet orbit, but when. The Middle East air waves crackled with charges and counter charges as Egypt's Nasser accused Iraq's Kassem of wanting to annex Syria to "a Communist fertile crescent."

The Cairo Radio quoted an Iraqi newspaper as saying that numerous "men of religion have been imprisoned and some have been shot outright" by Communists. The station said that Communist gangs in the northern part of Iraq were hunting down supporters of the defeated revolutionists and that they made a point of "persecuting men of religion."

While there was no loss of life on the part of American missionary personnel, word from Baghdad revealed the expulsion of 14 American Protestant missionaries in recent weeks. The government gave no reasons for the expulsions, but a missions executive said, "We believe they are political rather than based on religious grounds."

This leaves an estimated eight or ten American Protestant missionaries in the country. The Christian community in Iraq is small with Roman Catholics numbering about 200,000 and Protestants hardly more than 2,000 out of a total population of 5 million.

New Glory to Old Glory

■ FLAG-MAKERS WERE getting ready to add the 50th star to "Old Glory" as statehood for Hawaii became a fact except for the formalities. As Hawaiians celebrated their new status, Americans and Islanders alike paused to review the developments in history that had brought about this link with the U.S. mainland. Not lost altogether in the celebrating was the fact brought out in an Associated Press dispatch:

"At first, it was religion and whaling which brought Americans to Hawaii. The whalers are all but forgotten, but the New England missionaries, who came in 1820, left an enduring mark.

"They converted the pagan people to Christianity, covered up the naked women in Mother Hubbards (ancestor of today's floor-length muu-muu) and fought disease, liquor and moral license introduced by seafarers."

Make Up Your Mind!

■ THE RED CHINA ISSUE—both sides of it—was presented to a meeting of some 3,000 Presbyterian laymen in the form of a discussion of the proposals formulated by the Fifth World Order Study Conference. The laymen were called on by Dr. Will W. Orr, president of Westminster College, to repudiate the recommendation that Communist China be recognized.

Taking exception to the message issued by the conference. Dr. Orr said he was "sick at heart at some of the statements made by prominent churchmen regarding what should be our country's relationship to Communism."

Defending the Church's right to speak on controversial issues, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, asked the delegates to study the Cleveland message for themselves and not accept at face value any "distortions" of the statements made by opposing groups. "The present political stalemate in Asia is, month by month, making democracy weaker — not stronger—in East and Southeast Asia."

Tibetans Protest

■ AT THE TOP OF THE Asian continent, meanwhile, the Tibetans began to protest against Communist rule so loudly that reverberations were felt in all the world's capitals. An estimated 200,000 peasants, rejecting the communes, joined the lamas and Buddhist monks in open revolt against their Communist masters.

Only sparse news leaked out from behind the forbidding Himalayas and the free world could but stand as spectators and hope and pray. No one knew, but in all probability Tibet would become Asia's Hungary.

Smut and Filth

■ POSTAL INSPECTORS investigated 15,821 complaints of obscenity and fraud in the U.S. mails last year as compared with 13,315 such complaints investigated in 1957. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield told Congress in his annual report. "Arrests for mailing pornographic matter established a new record," he announced. "Despite this, the dealers in smut and filth were more active than ever and the avalanche of salacious material received through the mails continued to cause widespread public complaint."

There is evidence that the new, tougher mail indecency law is working. A California man and his wife have each been sentenced to ten years in prison in the first legal action under a new federal law that made it possible for the U.S. Attorney in Boise, Idaho to issue a warrant for their arrest in California for sending obscene material into Idaho. It is said their ten-year sentences were as heavy as any given in an obscenity case.

Capital Confusion

■ AS THE RESULT OF A recent action by the Supreme Court in declining to review the case of a Jehovah's Witness who was given ministerial draft exemption even though he had no church,

...for evangelicals

Washington in general—and Selective Service officials in particular—are in confusion. Now no one knows to whom the term "minister of religion" in the Selective Service Act applies.

Since all members of the Jehovah's Witnesses who devote the prescribed 40 hours a month or more of voluntary work to doorbell-ringing or religious instruction claim to be ministers, the decision would appear to open the door to exemption from the draft for all youths belonging to the sect—except that the court has repeatedly been upholding convictions of Witnesses under almost identical circumstances!

Selective Service officials, perplexed by the court's action, indicated that only further prosecutions can determine what the law means.

Station ARK?

■ A RADIO AND TELEVISION station will be built this year on Mt. Ararat, the famous Biblical site of Noah's ark, according to Moscow Radio. Mt. Ararat is in Turkey, near the western border of Soviet Armenia. The broadcast made no allusion to the mountain's Biblical history, but said the new station would be erected at a height of 12,467 feet.

Sidetracked

■ THERE APPEARS TO be little enthusiasm in Washington about getting an envoy to the Vatican. The State Department put the damper on the proposal introduced by Rep. Victor L. Anfuso (D.-N.Y.) by delivering an unfavorable recommendation concerning the resolution.

In the House Foreign Affairs Committee where the bill was referred, the chairman said that in view of other pressing legislation they would probably get around "to the resolutions that have been referred to us about the end of May." He stated that the committee has received "a good deal of mail" on Mr. Anfuso's proposal, but most of it expresses outspoken opposition.

Their Honest Debts

■ CHURCHES DON'T ASK forgiveness for their debts—they pay them. This is the consensus of a doctoral thesis on practices in lending funds to churches, synagogues and religious schools. The thesis was written by Mother Martin Byrne, registrar and head of the business administration department at Marymount College in Los Angeles.

Bond houses, banks, insurance companies and saving and loan associations have found religious institutions to be conscientious debtors, she said, "which have not defaulted a bond issue since the depression." However, she found that lenders "seem to prefer churches and religious schools with strong hierarchical organization and backing. Smaller, newer denominations have a harder time borrowing."

Transparent Prelude

■ IN A TRANSPARENT prelude to the complete take-over of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary, the Catholic seminary in Budapest has dismissed all students who refused to pledge obedience to the Communist regime. The action was confirmed by Father Imre Pottyondy, the new government-appointed rector, who was quoted as saying that he would bring a "new air" into the seminary "in which hostile attitudes had developed."

The new rector's appointment was announced only shortly before the Budapest government had finally made public a decree on church appointments which had been in force for the past two years. The decree provides that all church appointments are subject to state approval and grants the government the right to name church officials if the ecclesiastical authorities fail to fill a vacant post within 30 days.

It also stipulates that all clergymen must take an oath of allegiance to the people's republic within 90 days after being installed in any church office.

'Distorted Reporting'

■ "PERSECUTION" OF Protestants in Spain is "an example of distorted, untruthful reporting by a few American publications," Spanish Ambassador Don Jose M. Areilza told students at Marymount Junior College recently. A more appropriate audience for his address might have been a gathering of Spain's 23,000 Protestant who suffer under discriminatory laws and arbitrary acts of government officials.

The ambassador asserted that of Spain's Christian community, only 10,000 were native Spanish while 13,000 were foreigners. Spain guarantees Protestants the right of freedom of worship, the ambassdor said, but the government does not welcome Protestant missionary activity. "Spain is overwhelmingly Catholic by history, culture and tradition," he declared. "Because the 30 million Spaniards are 95 per cent Catholic, we simply don't want to make Spain a mission field for proselytizing non-Catholics from other countries."

This part of the ambassador's address was not news. To many of Spain's Protestants who have been dispossessed from their churches, the part about "freedom of worship" would be.

Song for Prayer

■ RECITATION OF THE Lord's Prayer in the Lawrence-Cedarhurst (N.J.) school district was discontinued by a vote of the area's school board and the fourth stanza of *America* substituted in its place. Use of the prayer had prompted complaints by the South Shore Jewish Community Council and also stirred up a controversy over differences between Protestant and Roman Catholic versions of the prayer.

All of this gave rise to the legitimate question that if an atheist objected to the reference to "our father's God," would *America* also be scrapped?

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be called *The Catholic Bible in the S. Peter's Edition.* It consists of the Douay Old Testament and the New Testament and Psalms in the Westminster version.

The largest undertaking in Bible translation is underway in England with a new modern language version to be published jointly by Oxford and Cambridge University Presses. Work is being checked at meetings in the historic Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey where the makers of the English Revised Version met from 1870-1884. The New Testament is scheduled for publication in 1961. General director of the new translation is Dr. C. H. Dodd of Oxford, emeritus professor of Divinity at Cambridge. Representatives of the chief denominations of the British Empire and of the Bible Societies are included in the committee.

A new religious encyclopedia is announced by the Sovereign Grace Book club, 1124 Southeast First Street, Evansville, Indiana. This is a one-man concern, being owned and operated by Jay Green. He proposes to put out a reference work of ten volumes of 600 pages each. Edwin H. Palmer is the general editor and John Murray is editorial adviser. One volume a year is proposed, beginning in 1960. This will be a thoroughly conservative and comprehensive encyclopedia with biographies, theology, and Bible subjects.

Reviewer's Choice

If we were to pick out one volume from the year's production that excited us most from an esthetic standpoint, it would be Join-Lambert's *Jerusalem.*

The binding is black cloth and the book contains a multicolored frontispiece which is the reproduction of Jerusalem in the 15th century from a manuscript illuminated for Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy. This comes from a translation of Burchard du Mont-Sion's *Descriptio Terrae Sanctae* (1283) done for the Duke by Jean Mielot. This plate is also mounted on the front of the black jacket.

Unfortunately there is not a table of plates, but the book contains 112 pages of plates and maps, just half of the book. The only way that such a book could sell for $5.95 (Putnam) is that it was printed abroad.

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tertwined in the literature we are discussing. Inferences concerning the other major doctrines of theology—revelation and deity particularly—are found in many places. But it is in the area of the doctrine of redemption that the Biblical novel comes to its most crucial test, and at that point it frequently reveals deficiency. After seeing a vivid and basically true delineation of sin in the life of man, one sometimes looks in vain for a true redemption and an example of the Spirit-led Christian life. Of course, this cannot be forced into a situation where it would be out of its Biblical context and novels are not preaching, but they do teach in the larger sense of the word.

POPULAR . . . AND DANGEROUS

In closing we want to pass along some words of encouragement and counsel that Dorothy Clarke Wilson threw out to prospective Biblical novelists in *The Compass,* bulletin of the Christian Author's Guild (November, 1956). "Writing Biblical fiction has never been so popular . . . or so dangerous. Perhaps its greatest danger lies in this very fact of its popularity. Writers with little knowledge of Biblical scholarship and even less concern for imparting spiritual truths may choose this medium because it pays off. Their interest, hence their preliminary study, is superficial. It takes years for an Old Testament scholar to learn what the world was like in the time of Abraham, or Moses, or David. . . . I should be a good one to warn about the pitfalls waiting for the would-be writer of Biblical fiction because I have fallen into most of them.

"If you are in earnest about wanting to do this type of writing, don't be satisfied with the slipshod approach. Do long-range studying. Begin to lay in a personal library of reference books on which you can depend for basic research and locate libraries where you can secure other source materials. Keep a permanent file.

"Resolve to be painstaking and thorough in every step of your research. Don't start to write until you are sure you have available the resources necessary to carry your project through. Never compromise with known facts. Be honest and accurate in your writing. And be sure your colors and patterns are worth weaving into the fabric of a tapestry whose craftsmanship and beauty and spiritual richness have never been surpassed."

Some words submitted by Esther Kellner represent a standard which commends itself to the Christian novelist:

There is no writer who shall not perish,
Yet what his hand has written may endure.
Write, therefore, nothing that shall not please thee
When thou shalt see it on the day of judgment.

BIBLICAL NOVELS IN ENGLISH
(A Checklist)*

This list seeks to include all genuine Biblical novels (as distinguished from the merely religious). It aims to exclude juvenile works. The entry is abbreviated in the interest of space. Anyone familiar with the regular bibliographic reference works will be able to find the fuller information.

The comparison of this list with any and all of the bibliographies of the novel will reveal how irregular and inadequate they are to cover the field thoroughly. The Library of Congress cataloguing of these titles is quite unsatisfactory. Frequently no subject headings are given on cards for novels and in many cases the broad heading used does not reveal the precise subject or period. No attention has been paid to segregating the juvenile from the adult titles in the subject headings that are used. Such headings as "Jews — History" and "Bible — History of Biblical Events" are too broad to indicate the period covered.

David James Harkness, extension librarian of the University of Tennessee, compiled a brief list of Biblical novels and drama which was published as one of the numbers of the University Bulletin for 1956. That is the only other specially published list of Biblical novels that has come to our attention.

Titles in print as of 1958 (and those published in 1959) are indicated by an asterisk. No one but a bibliographer knows how easy it is to be guilty of omissions and errors. For any such we beg forgiveness and trust they will be brought to our attention.

It will be recognized, of course, that titles are included here solely on the basis of their dealing with Biblical material in a fictional way and completeness has been sought in the interest of bibliographic integrity. Inclusion here is not to be interpreted as endorsement or approval in any sense.

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Just outside the White House, three NAE executives discuss their recent conference with President Eisenhower. Left to right are Dr. Herbert Mekeel, president; Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of affairs, and Dr. George L. Ford, executive director.

NAE Leaders Confer with President

ONE OF THE GREATEST concerns in spreading the gospel across the world is to arouse lay people to greater Christian activity, three NAE leaders told President Eisenhower in a conference at the White House on April 3.

Dr. Clyde Taylor, NAE's secretary of affairs, said this was one of the observations he had made on his recent trip around the world. He told the president that in the newer nations such as India it was encouraging to find a considerable amount of lay activity. Surprisingly enough, he said, the greatest lay work in India was found in Kerala where Communists control the local government.

With Dr. Taylor were NAE's president, Dr. Herbert Mekeel, who brought greetings from the organization and offered prayer and Dr. George Ford, executive director, who explained to the President the nature of NAE and its significance as the voice of some ten million evangelical Protestants.

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a bit dangerous to write a commentary on the Scriptures unless you have some knowledge of the original, directly or indirectly.

We had a manuscript on the Psalms offered to us, but the author slipped badly when he stated that David wrote the 119th Psalm with the help of 22 assistants, the first three being Aleph, Beth and Gimel.

Before you venture forth, take an inventory of your qualifications. Generally speaking, it is desirable that you stay in your field of specialization. If you have majored in Hebrew and cognate studies and taught in the Old Testament department for the past thirty years, it may not be wise for you to write an introduction to the New Testament. Of course, you may not be an educator but still become so disturbed about the philosophy and practice in our public schools that you cannot keep still. But by all means be sure of your facts before you go to press. You have a responsibility to all of evangelicalism.

Be sure you can express yourself effectively through medium of the printed page. There are many who have a golden tongue but a wooden pen. Writing need not necessarily come easy to you. Most worthwhile books are the results of a combination of perspiration and inspiration. Most authors must write and rewrite and rewrite again. But when the manuscript is finally completed it must be readable. If the reader must read a sentence twice, be sure it is not because of your inability to communicate your thoughts in clear language.

Let us say that after due self-examination you decide (1) you can keep still no longer, (2) you have a worthwhile subject. (3) you can make a contribution, (4) you believe you are able to express yourself effectively in print.

Then what?

It is well to try your wings by writing articles for magazines and periodicals before attempting a book-size manuscript. Here you will find a ready-made proving ground. If you find writing difficult, you can practice and improve through the writing of magazine articles.

If your contribution is worthwhile, you will soon hear about it. You will be asked to write other articles. Your articles will become the topic of conversations. You will build up a reputation for yourself which will prepare the way for an eventual book. In fact, an alert publisher may even ask you for a manuscript—which was your ultimate goal all the while.

It is advisable to contact a publisher well in advance of the completion of your manuscript. If possible, enclose a tentative table of contents. Better still, furnish him an outline of your proposed book. The publisher will tell you whether your subject is such that your proposed manuscript may be accepted for publication.

He may suggest possible modifications of your title and outline and refer you to books which you might consult. He will be glad to give suggestions and guidance intended to be helpful to you in the preparation of your manuscript. He will refer you to the manual of style used by his firm.

If the publisher encourages you, ask whether you may send a sample chapter for his critical evaluation. All this may save you hours, days, and perhaps months of needless expenditure of time and effort. It will save the eventual publisher much time when the manuscript is finally ready.

By all means contact the publisher by letter or in person before submitting your manuscript. If he asks you to mail your manuscript, be patient. Do not expect the publisher's decision by return mail. Particularly if your work is of a somewhat technical nature he will want to submit it to a reader who is qualified in your area of specialization —and these readers are generally busy men.

In fact, you should feel encouraged if your manuscript is not returned to you in short order. While it is in the publisher's hand there is hope.

Be ready to make modifications at the publisher's suggestion. This, of course, applies to alterations which can be made without compromising your principles and convictions. The publisher is trying to be helpful to you in presenting your message in its most effective form.

If your manuscript is acceptable to a reputable publisher, he will publish it without cost to you. In fact, you may then expect a royalty check once or twice a year. The rate is generally ten per cent on the retail price of every book sold by your publisher and about five per cent on paper bound books, translated matter, and compilations.

In this connection it may be well to warn you against what are known as "vanity publishers." You will find their ads in almost every magazine or periodical. These firms will publish almost any book for a fee. The result generally is that the author is out several hundred dollars and has a roomful of his own books.

These firms are known as "vanity" publishers because they are established to satisfy a would-be author's vanity when he finds it difficult or impossible to get his manuscript published elsewhere. You may be sure that your manuscript is not ready for publication unless it is accepted on its own merits.

Remember, a publisher is always eagerly on the alert for worthwhile manuscripts. By a worthwhile manuscript he means one which will result in a book which (1) will make a contribution and (2) will sell in sufficient numbers to warrant the expense of publication. These should be your standards too.

If a publisher makes a mistake in judgment and accepts your manuscript when it does not meet these two requirements, you will be just as disappointed as he when your book fails to sell or is ignored or torn to shreds by reviewers and critics.

What if your manuscript is rejected? Do not give up at once. Try to determine why it was rejected. It may be because you have not mastered the art of effective written expression. If so, there is hope. But it will mean more than doctoring up a sentence here and a phrase there. It generally means serious effort to improve your writing ability over months and perhaps years, and finally a complete rewriting of your manuscript. The writing of articles for periodicals is perhaps the best step toward improvement.

If the content is such that no publisher is interested, your problem may be more serious and more difficult of solution. Then again, rejection may not reflect unfavorably on your manuscript at all. Your message may be a valuable contribution in a very restricted area, so that the book you envision would have a very limited potential sale. If such be the case, you may be able to secure subsidization through a foundation or other interested source.

Perhaps the subject may duplicate or be too closely related to that of one or several titles on the list of the publisher to whom you have submitted your manuscript. If that is the only reason for rejection, it may be that another publisher would be happy to accept it.

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Are you still with me? If you have given up already as a result of this article, nothing is lost. You would have fallen by the wayside anyway. You can thank me for saving you time and effort.

If you still want to write a book, there is hope that you may become a powerful and positive influence in the interest of evangelical Christianity.

May God give you strength and wisdom. We are expecting great things from you.

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?

YOU ARE BOTH JUDGE AND JURY

THE CASE PRESENTED	Yes	No
1. Is some means of co-operation among Bible-believing Christians imperative?	☐	☐
2. Is it essential that this means of co-operation be available to all organizations, churches and individuals who sincerely accept the Bible as the inerrant authority in all matters of faith and practice?	☐	☐
3. Is it essential that the organization providing the means of interdenominational co-operation adopt and maintain a forthright position of opposition to apostasy, infidelity, and unbelief in the essential doctrines of the Christian faith, wherever such disloyalty is apparent?	☐	☐
4. Is it of equal importance that the aforesaid organization devote its effort to the development and maintenance of constructive programs and projects which will be of greatest assistance to the Church of Jesus Christ in the accomplishment of her mission?	☐	☐
5. Is it the duty and privilege of all Christians to give assistance in every way possible to the establishment of such a means of making world-wide co-operation feasible?	☐	☐
6. Does the National Association of Evangelicals fulfill the requirements of an organization such as that described above?	☐	☐
7. The National Association of Evangelicals has no means of continuing its ministry except the voluntary contributions of the Christians of America. If the success or failure of the organization were dependent on my interest, prayers, contributions of time or money, within my ability, could I honestly say, "I have done my best"?	☐	☐

NAE Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

THE DECISION

I will, God helping me, bear my part of the load, in prayer, in work and in giving that the National Association of Evangelicals may not be handicapped in any way by my failure.

I wish to translate my decision into action by becoming an individual member of the NAE.

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BILLY GRAHAM ENDS MELBOURNE CRUSADE; SETS RECORD

Billy Graham drew a record number of 143,750 people in the huge outdoor Olympic Stadium here for the final rally of the month-long Melbourne phase of his Australian Crusade. After the meeting, the evangelist said the crowd was the largest ever to attend one of this meetings anywhere in the world. The previous record was the 120,000 who jammed London's Wembly Stadium in 1954.

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YFCI and Gospel Films Join in Asian Project

MUSKEGON, Mich.—Shooting has begun on "Something to Die For," first overseas teen-age film to be produced by Gospel Films in cooperation with Youth for Christ International. According to Joe Weatherly, overseas director, four members of the Gospel Films organization were scheduled to arrive in Singapore, Malaya, early last month to commence production.

"Something to Die For" is considered by its sponsors to be a pilot production in a strategic area where freedom and democracy lie in jeopardy. The film will be completely removed from the North American continent, Mr. Weatherly says, and will feature Asians throughout.

Dr. Bob Cook Advises Youth

MINNEAPOLIS—Speaking at a youth crusade at First Evangelical Free Church here, Dr. Robert A. Cook declared that because teen-agers leave Christ out of their "going steady" romances they are destined to arrive at marriage "sadly disillusioned and with all their fuses blown."

Dr. Cook, vice-president of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill., and formerly president of Youth for Christ International, told the young people: "This going steady business is here to stay, but good. But if it continues at its present clip it will develop a generation of disillusioned men and women who will wonder constantly whether they are getting out of life what they should."

Speakers Announced For 45th ISCE Meet

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Speakers for the mass meetings of the Forty-fifth International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held July 6-11 in Philadelphia, Pa., have been announced here by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society.

Keynote address for the gathering will be brought by Dr. Earle W. Gates, Derby, N. Y., president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Other speakers will include Dr. Harry G. Denman, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, designated by Evangelist Billy Graham as "the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America"; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Dr. Ross H. Stover of Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia; Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, and Dr. Harold John Ockenga, minister of Park Street Church, Boston, and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Among activities scheduled for the convention are scores of conferences, luncheons, sight-seeing and a Christian witness parade. Registrations are being received by local Christian Endeavor Unions and at the headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad St., Columbus 16, Ohio.

FMY Crusade Planned For Dominican Republic

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Some thirty young men are now being recruited by the General Council of Free Methodist Youth for an evangelistic crusade in the Dominican Republic, June 8-23, 1959. The venture is known as "Operation West Indies."

General Superintendent, C. Mervin Russell, has recently returned from the Dominican Republic where he presided over the annual conference and worked with missionaries and national Christians in making arrangements for the Crusade.

The plan is to organize six evangelistic teams for as many campaigns as possible in various parts of this island republic. They will minister through interpreters, but each team will have instrumental and vocal talent in Spanish. Following these individual campaigns, the teams will come together for a great mass campaign in Santiago, June 14-21. Top Latin American musical talent is being recruited, and Dr. B. H. Pearson of World Gospel Crusades will be the evangelist, speaking in Spanish.

Team members, for the most part, will be made up of conference FMY presidents, but some other applicants are being accepted.

YFCI and Scripture Press Co-sponsor Pastors' Meet

WHEATON, Ill.—Youth for Christ International and Scripture Press, both located here, will co-sponsor a

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Pastors' Conference, June 29-July 4, during the YFCI's fifteenth annual Convention at Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Conference will emphasize youth work in the local church and Sunday School, with Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, YFCI president, and Dr. Robert A. Cook, Vice President of Scripture Press and Chairman of the YFCI Board, directing. Youth specialists from local Youth for Christ programs and from the Scripture Press staff will also appear on the program.

Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, noted Christian psychologist and author, will address the pastors each day in a Counselling Workshop. Dr. Narramore is consulting psychologist for the Los Angeles County public schools and has appeared at YFC Conventions for the past several years.

The Convention will mark Youth for Christ's fifteenth year of ministry and will launch the last half of their year-long "Year of Miracle" program for 1959.

YFCI to Celebrate 15 Years of Ministry

WHEATON, Ill.—Teen-age delegates from the United States, Canada, and several nations overseas, will be challenged to take advantage of today's opportunities to "win the world for Christ," at Youth for Christ International's Fifteenth annual Convention, June 28-July 12, at Winona Lake, Ind. Announcement was made here at YFCI headquarters by Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president.

The convention will commemorate fifteen years of YFCI ministry and will launch the second half of their "Miracle Year" program for 1959. Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision and a member of the YFCI Board, will be the key-note speaker.

Special features of the "Miracle Convention" will include teen-age problem clinics, YFC club quiz and talent contests, and teen workshops in writing and dramatics. A YFC Bible quiz team from Brazil Youth for Christ will also be featured in competition with American teams, the first bi-lingual Bible quiz at a YFC annual Convention.

Other speakers will include: Dr. Engstrom; Carl J. Bihl, YFCI vice president; Sam Wolgemuth, Overseas Director; Dr. Bob Cook, Chairman of the YFC Board; Wendell Collins, Director of YFCI's "Lifeline" program for combatting delinquency; Jack Hamilton, YFCI Club Director; and members of the YFC Youth Crusade Staff. Thurlow Spurr will direct the convention music.

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Nebraska Region Holds Third S. S. Convention

AURORA, Nebr.—More than thirty churches were represented by some 150 delegates at the Third Nebraska Regional Sunday School Convention held here recently at Evangelical Mission Covenant Church. The event, chairmanship of Rev. Leo Thomas, was sponsored by local churches in cooperation with the National Sunday School Association, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Among the most important features of the convention were the beginning actions taken to set up a State NAE Committee.

Theme of the convention was: "Christ-centered Emphasis in Christian Education." Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. LaVerne Erickson. Addresses were brought by leaders in the Sunday School and general evangelical field. Rev. Ransom D. Marvin, executive assistant of the National Sunday School Association, used the convention theme for his main address; Miss Eva Cornelius, Sunday School consultant for Gospel Light Press, Glendale, Calif., spoke on "Program for the Smaller Sunday School;" Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, field director for the National Association of Evangelicals, used as the topic for his opening address, "NAE: Serving You and Your Church," and Dr. Ivan Olsen, director of Maranatha Bible Camp and pastor of Berean Fundamental Church, North Platte, Nebr., gave an address on "Teaching That Makes a Difference." All the speakers assisted in conducting workshops on various phases of Sunday School work.

SENATOR A. WILLIS ROBERTSON (D.-Va.) (left) and DR. GEORGE L. FORD, NAE's Executive Director, chat following the Senator's address at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast of the International Christian Leadership in Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C. Speaking on the serious crisis precipitated by the demand of the Soviet dictator that the United States and her allies leave Berlin by May 27, the Senator closed his remarks with this encouraging prediction: "The unseen forces of a mighty God are on our side, and we can go confidently forward in the power of His might if we will take Him at His word when He says: 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'"

Statehood for Hawaii "Introduces Idolatry"

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—"Statehood for Hawaii will make idolatry acceptable in America," Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, told the closing session of a three-day Sunday School Convention in Washington, D. C. In Honolulu alone there are more than 200 heathen temples, the speaker stated.

Reporting on a recent tour of the world, Mr. Webb said he observed a "fierce" spirit of nationalism in almost every country. "In every nation visited human importance militates against a simple faith in God," he declared.

As executive director of the Assemblies of God Sunday School Department, Mr. Webb supervises a headquarters staff of approximately thirty workers in Springfield and also serves as president of the National Sunday School Association composed of more than forty evangelical denominations.

The Washington meeting was one of a series of Assemblies of God Sunday School conventions which are part of a five-year plan to end in 1960 with an expected one million enrollment in Sunday Schools throughout the U. S. Currently the enrollment is 922,663.

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History Writers' Conference Planned

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A History Writers' Conference for church historians, the first of its kind, will be held June 18-24 at the Baptist assembly in Ridgecrest, N. C. Sponsor of the conference will be the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"This conference is a 'must' for those already commissioned to write the history of a church, an association, a convention, or an institution in the denomination," Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the sponsoring commission said. "The conference should be attended by any who may possibly be called upon in the future to write such a history, as well as those who are just interested in Baptist history, whether or not they will ever be called upon to write it," he added.

The History Writers' Conference will coincide with Foreign Missions Conference, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board; Writers' Conference, sponsored by the Sunday School Board, and Brotherhood Conference, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

Missouri Synod Reported Ready to Discuss Unity

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(NLC)—A statement "correcting an impression that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is unwilling to participate in talks regarding Lutheran unity, including discussions on present and future Lutheran cooperation in America," was issued here recently. In it, Dr. John W. Behnken, president of the church body, declared the Synod's "willingness and readiness' to meet under "propitious circumstances," provided that "doctrinal discussions are primary item on the agenda."

"We have always been of the conviction that only through doctrinal discussion, under the gracious blessings of God, may true unity in doctrine be achieved, which is a prerequisite for church fellowship," he said.

His statement was made in a letter to Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, which has invited the Missouri Synod to participate in an exploratory meeting on further possibilities of Luthrean cooperation and ways of advancing it.

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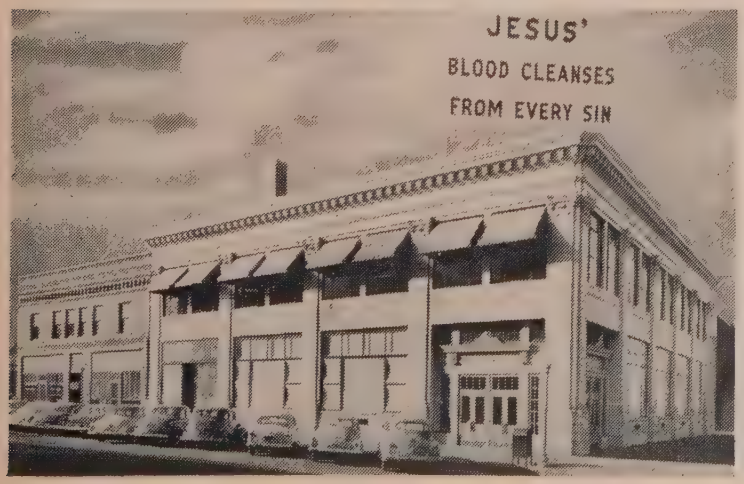

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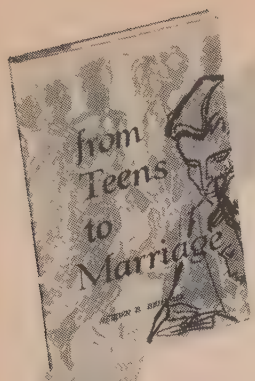

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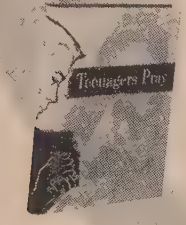

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Memphis Is Chosen For 1960 Assembly

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—The Church of God has selected Memphis, Tenn., as the site of its 1960 General Assembly, according to announement by Mr. Charles W. Conn, public relations director. The Council of Ordained Ministers will meet concurrently with the General Assembly August 16-20.

Since 1906 the General Assembly has been the highest governing body of the Church of God. It is in these sessions that policy is established, program is instituted and doctrine is defined. A nondelegated convention, the General Assembly is composed of all members of the Church of God who care to attend the sessions. All male members are permitted to vote on measures presented to the Assembly.

SBT Seminary Convention Site

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Commencement exercises for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be one of the major features of the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention to be held here May 19-22. The Convention voted to meet in Louisville in connection with the centennial of the seminary.

Major addresses will be given by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor First Baptist Church, Memphis; Congressman Brooks Hays of Little Rock, Ark., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Dr. J. D. Grey, former Convention president.

A new Convention president will be elected to succeed Mr. Hays, who has served the allotted two-year term.

Conservative Baptists To Meet in Cincinnati

WHEATON, Ill.—The Sixteenth Annual Fellowship of Conservative Baptists will convene in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 20 to May 26. All meetings and exhibits will be held in the Roof Gardens of the Sheraton Gibson Hotel overlooking Cincinnati's famous Fountain Square.

The theme of the meeting will be "Christ Glorified," and the keynote speaker will be Dr. M. R. DeHaan, of the Radio Bible Class, Grand Rapids, Mich. The daily Bible teacher will be Dr. William F. Kerr, Pastor of Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. Special features will include three sessions especially for women in addition to the Christian Education, Youth, and Missionary sessions. Dr. Mitchell S. Seidler, pastor of the local Norwood Baptist Church, is general chairman.

The Conservative Baptist Movement comprises three cooperative, but independent, organizations, the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society, the Conservative Baptist Home Missions Society, and the Conservative Baptist Association of America, each of which will hold their annual business meeting during these sessions.

Canadian Mennonites Set Conference Dates

WINNIPEG, Manitoba—The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches of Canada will be held this year at Hepburn, Saskatchewan, July

4-8, it has been announced here by D. K. Duerksen, secretary of the conference.

The dates of the fifty-seventh session of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada to be held at Clearbrook, B. C. are July 4-9.

The annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches of United States and Canada will be held at Abbotsford, B. C., August 19-23.

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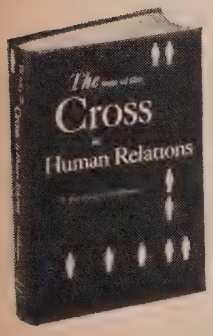

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Literature Import Ban Is Blow to Christians

DJAKARTA, Indonesia—(FENS)—Activity of Protestant groups in this country has been restricted because of a directive of the Indonesian government prohibiting importation of literature printed in foreign countries.

Seriously affected by this action is the Indonesian Bible Society. The situation is made more acute because the order comes at a time when there is a shortage of Bibles in the land and when the demand for copies of the Scriptures is at an all time peak. Lacking facilities for printing Bibles locally, Christians are concerned at this crisis and are soliciting prayers in behalf of the emergency.

Light and Sound Festival Celebrates Calvin's Birth

GENEVA—(EP)—In memory of John Calvin's birth 450 years ago, the World Presbyterian Alliance is planning a summer-long "Festival of Sound and Light" in Geneva, Switzerland. Commencing May 31, the spectacle will be repeated "every fine night" all summer in front of the Reformation Monument, a wall set off by statues of four prominent reformers: Farel, Calvin, Knox, Beza and other figures of the Reformed faith in Europe.

These statues will be bathed in lights, while recorded voices in various languages tell the story of the reformation. Other events planned are a Sunday morning rally at the Reformers' Monument, to be inaugurated by music of sixteenth century Geneva, psalms, and the Swiss premier of a new film on the Reformation by the well-known French director, Roger Leenhardt.

Missionaries Harassed By African Nationalists

NYASALAND (Africa)—An Assemblies of God missionary family was driven from their mission station in strife-ridden Nyasaland by a nationalist mob. The Assemblies couple, Mr. and Mrs. Udd, were accosted at their

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LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● THE SEVENTEENTH Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Los Angeles, April 6-10, is becoming history as the May issue of *United Evangelical Action* magazine goes to press. Here are some highlights:

● PEAK ATTENDANCE of around 1700 at an evening session crowded out Statler-Hilton's huge ballroom auditorium, with many delegates standing during the entire service. Facilities of the beautiful new hotel were "tops" in every respect.

● SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS of evangelical leaders quoted in the daily press included the following: PRESIDENT HERBERT S. MEKEEL—"The world evangelical Protestant churches will not participate in any such ecumenical council as that tentatively suggested by Pope John." DR. PAUL S. REES, just returned from the Orient and participation in the Billy Graham Australian Crusade—"Christianity is holding its own against Communism in its battle for free minds in most of the uncommitted nations of the world." DR. CARL F. H. HENRY, editor of *Christianity Today*—"To challenge the citadels of modern unbelief, a new strategy is needed in academic affairs." DR. CLYDE W. TAYLOR just back from an extensive visitation to foreign missions outposts in Europe and the Far East—"The task that faces us is that of providing adequate but simplified literature to spell out the facts regarding Communism. The Christian answer to Communism is adequate but it must be told, understood and proclaimed if the march of deadly, atheistic materialism is to be halted."

● JOHN NOBLE, confined for nine years in a Russian slave labor camp and author of "I Found God in Soviet Russia," held a luncheon audience spellbound as he related some of his experiences.

● THREE KOREANS, representing evangelical churches in South Korea, said that "recognition of Red China by the United States and the United Nations would be considered a body blow to hopes of Asiatic liberation held by the Christian churches of Korea."

● AN ENCOURAGING NOTE was received in a transatlantic telephone call indicating that a Protestant church in Barcelona, Spain, which had been closed for nine months was re-opened.

● INCUMBENT OFFICERS were re-elected, except that Dr. Rufus Jones became treasurer.

● THE 1960 NAE CONVENTION will be held April 25-29 at the Palmer House, Chicago.

● A FULL CONVENTION REPORT will be made in a Supplement to the June issue (Annual Education Number) of *Action* magazine.

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mission station in Mbula by natives dressed in animal skins and with their bodies painted in gruesome colors. The mob threatened to burn down the mission unless the missionaries left.

It was reported that the trouble started when representatives of the African Nationalist Congress arrived in the town. Before forcing the missionaries to flee, the mob beat Negro teachers and preachers who refused to join their ranks. Mr. and Mrs. Udd and two African preachers left Mbula by truck and made a hazardous journey through the jungle to reach safety in Tanganyika.

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Wheaton College Men Write for New Works

WHEATON, Ill. — Several present or former alumni and faculty members of Wheaton College have made recent contributions to the religious press.

Dr. Russell L. Mixter, chairman of the division of science at Wheaton, is one of forty American scientists contributing chapters to a current book entitled "The Evidence of God in an Expanding Universe." Dr. Mixter is author of a booklet, "The Story of Creation" (published by Zondervan), a reprint of a series of articles appearing in recent issues of *Christian Life* magazine. Wheaton men contributing to the volume include Dr. Howard Claassen, chairman department of physics; Dr. James O. Buswell, professor of anthropology; Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer, chairman division of Bible and apologetics; Dr. Paul Wright, chairman department of chemistry, and Dr. J. Lawrence Kulp, Wheaton alumnus and professor of geo-chemistry at Columbia University.

Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Graduate School at Wheaton, has written a chapter for the new book, "Revelation and the Bible," compiled by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today* and an alumnus of Wheaton College.

Merger of Three Lutheran Youth Magazines Studied

PHILADELPHIA — (NLC) — The possibility of merging three Lutheran monthly magazines for young people into one publication for all Lutheran bodies in America is being studied by the editors of *Luther Life, Walther League Messenger* and *One*.

Luther Life is published by the Luther League of America, official youth auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America. *Walther League Messenger* is the official youth publication of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and *One* is published cooperatively by the Evangelical, American, Augustana, Free, and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

Rev. Philip R. Hoh, associate secretary of the Luther League and editor of *Luther Life,* said the editors have begun merger negotiations after being instructed to do so by their respective organizations. He added that if negotiations are successful there is a good possibility a merged publication will be started late next year.

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Melbourne Crusade Has Historic Close

MELBOURNE — The crowd of 143,150 people at Olympic Stadium for the final meeting of the Billy Graham Melbourne Crusade was recognized by statisticians as a record number. Highest previous attendance at any one Graham meeting was 120,000 during the London Crusade. Also, it was the largest crowd for any single event in the history of Melbourne or Australia.

Highlighting the closing meeting was the reading by Dr. Graham of a letter of greeting from President Eisenhower, in which he said, "I am delighted to learn of the warm reception that you have encountered in Australia. We in America have a feeling of deep friendship with the Australians, and I am not at all surprised at the traditional hospitality that the people of the country are showing. Please convey to the citizens of Australia the good wishes of all American citizens, including myself. Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in the good wishes."

Dr. Graham told his farewell audience, "We have fallen in love with Melbourne and we shall never forget the wonderful hours we have spent here. This is not the climax. It is the beginning of a mighty evangelism on the part of the churches and you are to have a part in it."

Dr. Barton Babbage, Crusade Chairman, said of Dr. Graham, "We have been impressed by his burning sincerity, his infectious charm, and his devotion. It must be an immense satisfaction to him that this great stadium, which held the Olympic games four years ago, has its greatest crowd to applaud almighty God."

After the meeting, Dr. Graham told reporters, "I feel very humble. I feel I am just a spectator. I didn't do it. It was the Lord's doing, and I am only His messenger."

The Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, and Lady Brooks attended the rally and sat on the platform with church leaders. The Governor gave the Scripture reading.

Matching the record total attendance of 719,000 the response to the invitation, in terms of individuals who were counselled, who signed decision cards, and who were entered into the follow-up program, also set a record, with the final total for the four weeks standing at 26,440; on an average basis the figure represents more than 1,000 decisions for every one of the twenty-five meetings of the crusade.

After the Melbourne Crusade Evangelist Graham and his Team visited Australia's island state of Tasmania for one day rallies in Hobart and Launceston. A brief rest period was to follow, before commencing the tour of New Zealand in which crusades were to be conducted in the three principal cities of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Following the New Zealand tour, the Graham Team was scheduled to return to Australia for the crusade in Sydney.

At the conclusion of the meetings in Sydney, the Team is to conduct a series of crusades in the other capital cities of Australia, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, concluding the visit to Australasia on June 7.

"Operation West Indies" Is Newest FMY Project

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—(EP)—The General Council of Free Methodist Youth is enlisting thirty young men for an evangelistic crusade in the Dominican Republic, June 8-23, 1959. The venture is known as "Operation West Indies."

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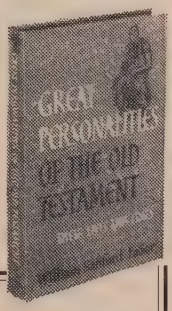

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tendent, has recently returned from the Dominican Republic where he presided over the annual conference and worked with missionaries and national Christians in making arrangements for the Crusade.

The plan is to organize six evangelistic teams for as many campaigns as possible in various parts of this island republic. They will minister through interpreters, but each team will have instrumental and vocal talent in Spanish. Following these individual campaigns, the teams will come together for a mass campaign in Santiago, June 14-21. Top Latin American musical talent is being recruited, and Dr. B. H. Pearson of World Gospel Crusades will be the evangelist, speaking in Spanish.

Team members, for the most part, will be made up of conference FMY presidents, but some other applicants are being accepted.

inter-church

Protestant Chapel At Idlewild Airport

NEW YORK—(EP)—The First Protestant chapel to be built at a commercial airport in the United States will be located adjacent to the Roman Catholic chapel at Idlewild International Airport here. A design by Edgar Tafel, New York architect, has been approved by the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

The chapel, costing approximately $250,000, will be financed and maintained by the 1,700 churches of the Protestant Council, and will be served by a full-time minister and staff.

Contemporary in style, the chapel will be laid out in the form of a Latin cross. The horizontal frame will house reception rooms, offices, and counseling areas, according to Rev. Dan M. Potter, the counsil's executive director, while the vertical frame will provide worship facilities for more than 100 people.

U. S. Justices Divide Choices

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As regards their church affiliation, the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court are quite divided.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, although from a Methodist family background, attends a Baptist church here in the capital.

Although a Baptist church in Alabama lists him as a member, Justice Hugo Black reportedly attends a Unitarian church here frequently.

Single "votes" in church preference are cast by Justice Felix Frankfurter, Jewish; Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., Roman Catholic; Justice Charles Evan Whittaker, Methodist; and Justice Potter Stewart, Episcopalian.

And the "majority report" is that of three Presbyterians: Justices John Marshall Harlan, William O. Douglas and Tom C. Clark.

laymen

Florida Laymen's Crusade Brings First-time Decisions

LAKELAND, Fla. — (EP) — More than 400 first-time decisions for Christ resulted from the eight-day Layman's Crusade for Christ sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee of Lakeland in cooperation with the Ministerial Association.

Gail Harris, Detroit Tiger first-baseman who was converted last November in a meeting conducted by CBMC Special Representative Reid Jepson, brought several teammates—including two pitchers and a catcher—with him to the Crusade. The Tigers are in training in Lakeland.

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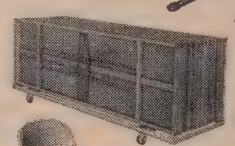

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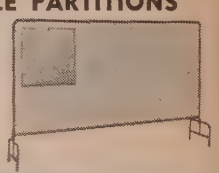

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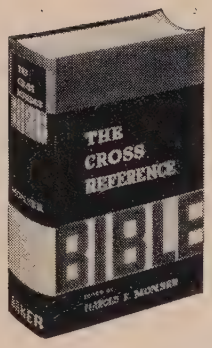

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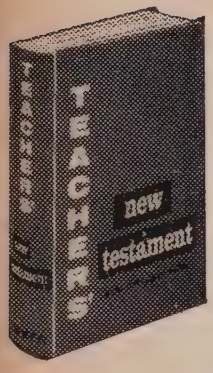

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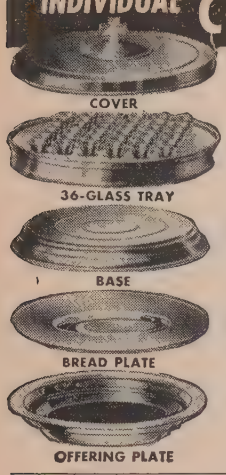

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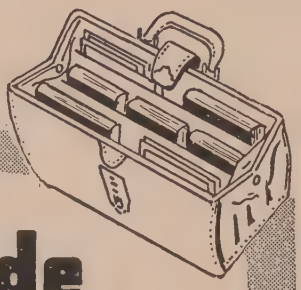

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Radio-TV

Gospel Communications Subject of Conference

CALI, Colombia—"Sight and sound . . . twin avenues to the heart" will be the theme for Latin American Congress on Gospel Communications to be held here September 13-18, this year, according to an announcement released by Congress Coordinator, Robert Searing. Jointly sponsored by LEAL (Evangelical Literature for Latin America) and the Panamerican Christian Network, the coming Congress is expected to draw evangelical leaders from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands to confer together on the practical aspects of communicating the Gospel by means of radio, TV and the printed page.

"This is the first time to my knowledge," stated Vergil Gerber, executive secretary of LEAL, "that a joint Latin America-wide congress on broadcasting literature has been held."

The facilities of the Colegio Americano will be used as headquarters for the Congress, providing ample room for housing the convention, exhibits and various business sessions. Participating in the planning and preparations for the Congress are personnel from the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Conservative Baptists, Latin America Mission, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, The Navigators, Presbyterians, Radio Station HCJB, The Evangelical Union of South America, The Central American Mission and the Plymouth Brethren.

South Pole Scientists Hear "Lutheran Hour"

ST. LOUIS—In an annex of Richard E. Byrd Memorial Chapel, built from packing crates and buried under five to eight feet of snow, American sailors and scientists at the South Pole listen to recorded Lutheran Hour sermons by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on the international radio broadcast.

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The recordings are being distributed among four small stations which will continue scientific studies in the Antarctic. They were sent to the South Pole last January at the Lutheran chaplain's request.

Education

Former Prime Minister Advocates "Toleration"

VALPARAISO, Ind.—"The United States and Great Britain must ac-

cept collective responsibility to lead Europe in the world crusade for freedom," was a statement made by The Right Honorable Earl of Attlee speaking here recently at Valparaiso University Memorial Chapel.

Speaking on "The Future of Europe," the former Laborite British Prime Minister emphasized the need for toleration between East and West. "Our future depends on an acceptance of one rule of law," he said, "acceptance of toleration, and agreement to differ." The former Prime Minister even went so far as to say that "it is not impossible for the world to live peaceably with Communism." To extend toleration, he urged, "in our common interest we will have to build up a more effective world organization backed by a world police force . . . when crisis comes, we must stand together."

More than 2,000 university students and staff members, plus area residents, heard Mr. Attlee in the second Centennial lecture of a special ten-month program commemorating the university's first hundred years.

Fourteen Scholars In Summer Sesson

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Fourteen conservative scholars are included on the teaching roster of Winona Lake School of Theology's "Summer Seminary," according to Dr. John A. Huffman, president: Dr. Arnold C. Schultz of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. John Gerstner of Pittsburgh-Xenia, Dr. Ralph Earle of Nazarene, Dr. J. Christy Wilson of Princeton, Dr. Harold Mason of Asbury, Dr. C. Adrian Heaton of Eastern Baptist, Dr. Gordon H. Clark of Butler, Dr. John A. Van Bruggen of Calvin, Prof. W. Gordon Brown of Toronto Central Baptist, Dr. Raymond B. Buker of Conservative Baptist, Dr. Jasper A. Huffman of Winona Lake, Dr. James D. Mosteller of Northern Baptist, and Winona Lake's registrar Milford F. Henkel II.

The 1959 summer schedule lists courses which are distributed through the Theological College, Seminary, School of Religious Education and Graduate Department during the first term of study, June 15 to June 27 and second term of study, June 29 to July 25, a "Little Oxford Plan" third term of directed research, July 27 to August 22, and the Flying Seminar to Bible Lands itinerary, June 29 to August 4, which this year is under the direction of Dr. Schultz.

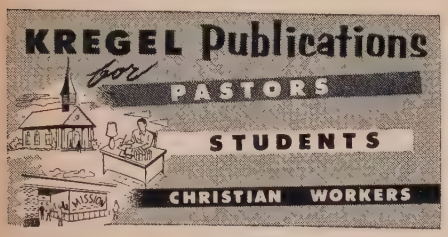
Conservative Baptists Offer Summer Courses

MINNEAPOLIS—Conservative Baptist Central Seminary has announced that six different summer courses will be offered in a concentrated program on the Pillsbury C. B. Bible College campus in Owatonna, Minnesota, June 1-12. Applications for the summer sessions are being submitted to the Seminary at 2105 North Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis 11.

Graduation exercises by Central C. B. Seminary will be held this year in the Fourth Baptist Church, with baccalaureate Sunday, May 10, and commencement Monday, May 11, according to announcement by President Richard V. Clearwaters. Dr. Ernest Pickering will bring the commencement message.

Basketball Squad Plans Tour of Orient

UPLAND, IND.—The Venture for Victory team of Taylor University, under supervision of athletic director, Don Odle, is scheduled to leave the States early in June for an extended tour which will take them to Korea, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong and the Philippines. In addition to playing approximately seventy-five basketball



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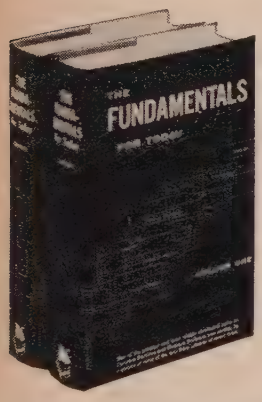

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Dr. Paine Speaks At Asbury Rites

WILMORE, Ky.—Asbury Theological Seminary here will observe its thirty-sixth annual commencement May 31 and June 1. Dr. John R. Church, widely-known evangelist of the Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton (N. Y.) College, will bring the commencement address.

Dr. Albert P. Shirkley, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington D. C., delivered the Freitas Lectures at Asbury April 28-30. As minister of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church (since 1950), Dr. Shirkey leads the largest Methodist congregation in the East, and the largest Protestant congregation in Washington. Known as God's "supersalesman," he combines scientific business methods and continual evangelism in his efforts to make the church vital and effective.

Linguistics Institute Announces Schedules

GLENDALE, Calif.—Summer Institute of Linguistics, which operates in cooperation with Wycliffe Bible Translators, has announced the following dates and places for courses in this year's schedule:

June 15-August 28, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.; also June 15-August 28, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.; June 18-August 28, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; July 6-September 18, London, England, and January through March 1960, Melbourne, Australia.

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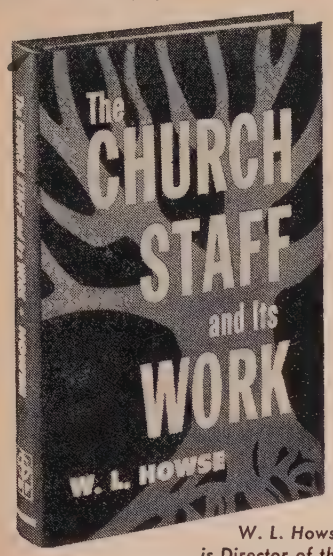

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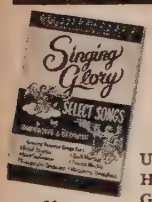

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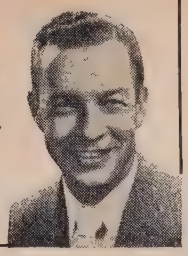

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Does Sunday School Spoil Children?

Dr. Markus Barth, professor on the University of Chicago's federated theological faculty, recently speaking in Omaha, Nebraska, at a meeting of the division of Christian education of the National Council of Churches stated that Sunday School spoils children.

"This," he continues, "is because all they hear for some time is, 'mama loves me, papa loves me, God loves me.' Comes age 12 or 14, they discover other people in the world and all hell breaks loose."

My immediate reaction upon reading this was that Dr. Barth may speak with authority for and to the National Council churches, but he is uninformed as to what is taking place in the evangelical Sunday Schools of America.

We began receiving phone calls, letters, and clippings at the NSSA office asking whether or not we were going to answer Dr. Barth.

Having been interviewed by newspaper reporters and having been sometimes misquoted and misinterpreted, I felt it only fair to try to contact Barth and ask him personally what he meant by his statements.

Dr. Barth generously gave me an hour of his time even though he was leaving Saturday for a five week speaking tour in Europe.

Immediately Dr. Barth assured me that any statements made at Omaha regarding the Sunday School were directed to the Sunday Schools represented there. He indicated that the reporter had asked him what he thought

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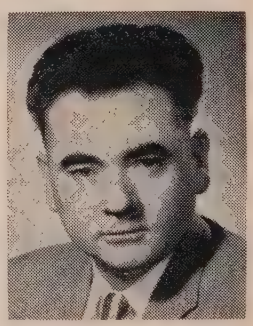

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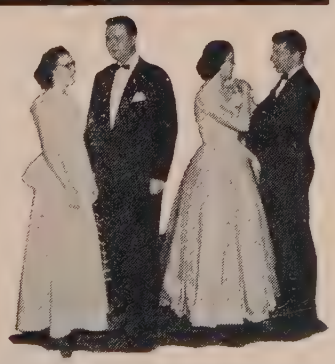

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Naturally I wanted to know what Sunday Schools Dr. Barth had visited. He said, "My evaluation of the Sunday Schools with which I have had contact is primarily from the theoretical standpoint. I am not criticizing methods as much as curriculum. I have studied, and have students who have used materials from several of the larger denominations and feel that these materials leave much to be desired."

Dr. Barth assured me he was all for the Sunday School. As a pastor in Switzerland he taught in Sunday School. His wife is now a teacher of an adult class in the First Baptist Church of Chicago. His two oldest children have been or are teaching in Sunday School.

Asked to speak before the division of Christian education of National Council of Churches he wanted to arouse the conscience of those assembled. He stated further: "Too great a number of Sunday Schools have given up their original purpose which is to introduce the child to God."

I asked Dr. Barth what he thought of our family emphasis upon the Sunday School as compared to the European Sunday School where only children attend. "I think it is a great and important emphasis, and one more church members should appreciate.

Dr. Barth is the son of Dr. Karl Barth of neo-orthodox fame, professor at Basel University, Switzerland. He and his wife are in their early forties. They have five children. The oldest boy is studying in Switzerland, their homeland.

I asked Dr. Barth if he and his father agreed theologically and he said, "Yes, pretty close." But he added, "I would not call myself a Barthian."

"What would you call yourself?" I asked. "Just a Bible student." he replied.

Dr. and Mrs. Barth indicated an interest in studying the curriculum of our evangelical publishers. We shall see that they get it. We have invited them to attend and observe our National Sunday School Convention in Columbus, this November 11-13.

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To the Editor:

It is with great interest that I read your section, "A Religious Congress," appearing under *This Present World* page 16 of the March 1959 issue of *Action*. If there is one great need at Washington, it is the presence of evangelical Protestants in the halls of the Capitol. I am pleased to learn of the presence in the House of Mr. Cederborg and Mr. Hargis.

Please be advised that Rep. J. Edward Roush (D.-Fifth District of Indiana) is also serving his first term in the House. Mr. Roush is a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ with headquarters at Huntington, Ind. Many of the leaders of the United Brethren Church have been, and are, very active in the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Sunday School Association. Mr. Roush is our first United Brethren man in office in Washington, D. C. He is a fine, young, staunch, evangelical Christian man who is not afraid to stand up and be counted for the Lord. With men such as Mr. Roush, Mr. Hargis, and Mr. Cedarborg in Congress the message of evangelical Christianity and the influence of the Christ of the Cross will be felt in national affairs.

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To the Editor:

I just discovered on the back page of the January UEA magazine that I am to protest to the State Department, Washington, D. C., if I do not agree with the NCC regarding Red China and the United Nations. I will do this at once. I am upset I did not notice it before. I urge that you put this vital suggestion in the most conspicuous spot of the first part of the magazine every month.

The evangelical church of Christ should adopt more concrete language and abandon the careful egg-walking for fear they will awaken our people into anger and action. Why does not the NAE really start educating its members? I consider it the greatest single instrument for the moulding of American opinion among evangelicals. What the people need is *instruction*. If UEA won't do it, nobody in the church will.

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Frank Carlson, Senator from Kansas, has been named general chairman of the Capital Teen Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 28-30, 1959 under auspices of Youth for Christ International.

Evan H. Bergdall has announced his resignation from the presidency of Taylor University, effective at the close of this academic year. Under his administration the college has grown from about 400 to almost 700 and several new buildings have been constructed. Dr. Bergdall has been invited by the Taylor Executive Committee to remain on the Board of Trustees and he will continue his service in the ministry of the Methodist Church, probably in the state of Indiana.

Harold Lundquist, formerly executive director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency of Chicago, passed to his reward recently. At the time of his death Dr. Lundquist was pastor of Chicago's First Mission Covenant Church. Previously he had been connected with Moody Bible Institute, conducting "The Question Box" on WMBI, and had also served as book review editor on the staff of *Christian Life* Magazine.

James A. Cross, general overseer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., is on a tour of Europe and the Near East. Mr. Cross and the Assemblies' executive foreign missions secretary, L. H. Aultman, have planned an itinerary which will take them on a visit to churches and mission stations of the Church of God in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Sicily, Greece, Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

Ernest Pickering, executive secretary of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, has accepted a call to become a member of the faculty of Central Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary. He will begin his duties as of September 1959, teaching Systematic Theology.

Frederick H. Ferris, founder of the Open Door Churches of Canada, and presently moderator, left recently for his third world tour of the mission fields.

Byron S. Lamson, general missionary secretary of the Free Methodist Church, has just completed a six-weeks' visit to Latin American missions. He presided at mission meetings in the Brazil Conference (which includes Paraguay) and spoke at Free Methodist schools in Maripora, Brazil and Asuncion, Paraguay.

Mrs. Herbert E. Eberhardt, wife of the superintendent of Central Union Mission, Washington, D. C., has been chosen as Mother of the Year for the District of Columbia for 1959. Mrs. Eberhardt and her husband have been in rescue mission work since 1921.

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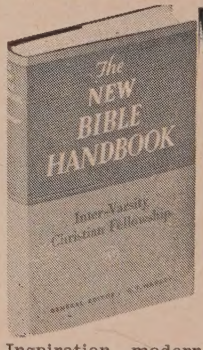

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VIEWPOINT

by the editor

A Move to Scuttle

Evangelicals have always been on the side of charity and justice. But when a group of American citizens begin to pound the drum for the protection of the rights of a few who may use those rights to endanger the liberties of the many, we feel—to say the least—that it is misguided concern. This is especially true when those protected are proponents of the socialistic and collectivistic ideologies that have meant a complete loss of liberty in nations such as Russia and China.

Taking their cue from an editorial in the *Washington Post* of December 19 which said in part, "The Un-American Activities Committee should be abolished, not reorganized and expanded," an impressive group of left-wingers and fellow-travelers bought space in the *Post* to denounce the committee. On the list of 35 names were such familiar ones as Dr. Stringfellow Barr, Dean John C. Bennett, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Dr. John A. Mackay, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, along with some lesser lights.

The "petition . . . to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a standing committee" had this to say, among other things: "For two decades the Congress has allowed the committee to function. For two decades the committee has condemned individual Americans, has wrecked the lives of some, and has denied them the due process of law that English and American courts have toilsomely evolved over many centuries. Now the Nation is reaping the harvest."

The committee was accused of discouraging "free study and inquiry in working for peace," of harassing "Americans who work for racial equality and justice," and of increasing "bitterness between racial and religious groups of our citizens." No mention was made of the espionage activities brought to light by the investigations of the committee into such characters as Gerhart Eisler, Nathan Silvermaster, Harry Dexter White and Alger Hiss. The ad did not accuse the committee of aiding in the positive identifications of thousands of persons who are or have been members of the Communist Party in the U. S.

No—only that it has "increased bitterness," "harassed Americans," and "discouraged social and cultural contacts with our neighbors." These phrases are typical of the Party line—designed to excite but without evidence.

We would not say that the committee has always been right nor would we say that we agree with every investigative method used. It may be that errors in judgment have been made. Doctors sometimes make them in diagnosis. Juries have been known to make them. But knowing some of the Communist-front organizations with which a number of the ad-signers have been connected, if we have to choose patriotisms, we'll take the committee.

The valuable work of this committee in its 13 years justifies its continued existence. Former President Woodrow Wilson wrote in his book, *Congressional Government:*

> It is the proper duty of a representative body to look diligently into every affair of government and to talk much about what it sees. It is meant to be the eyes and the voice, and to embody the wisdom and will if its constituents. Unless Congress have and use every means of acquainting itself with the acts and the disposition of the administrative agents of the government, the country must be helpless to learn how it is being served; and unless Congress both scrutinize these things and sift them by every form of discussion, the country must remain in embarrassing, crippling ignorance of the very affairs which it is most important that it should understand and direct. The informing function of Congress should be preferred even to its legislative function.

The informed and learned ad-signers could not help but know that such tactics as they have employed are in complete accord with the purposes of the Communists in America. Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R.-Mich.) remarked upon seeing the names at the bottom of the advertisement, "Remember what the Saviour said when crucified, should not His words be here repeated. He said, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'"

In all charity we would like to agree with Mr. Hoffman, but in all honesty we cannot. The least that could be said in this respect is that if they did not know, they have been guilty of total irresponsibility and have disqualified themselves from their positions of influence.

The Communist pattern for this sort of thing was laid down in 1938 by Georgi Dimitrov, former Secretary General of the Communist International, at a meeting of the Comintern, in the following words:

> We must always remember that one sympathizer is generally worth more than a dozen militant Communists. A university professor, who without being a party member lends himself to the interest of the Soviet Union, is worth more than a hundred men with party cards. A writer of reputation, or a retired general, are worth more than 500 poor devils who don't know any better than to get themselves beaten up by the police . . . The writer who, without being a party member, defends the Soviet Union, the union leader who is outside our ranks but defends Soviet international policy, is worth more than a thousand party members.

You must be welcome in their club, ad-signing ladies and gentlemen. One thing that negates your influence with evangelicals in this respect is the knowledge that so many of you have been members for years.

Ahead in Action

The June issue of *Action* will be a doubleheader. As well as being the Education Number, there will be a convention supplement giving a full report of the great Los Angeles meeting.

Writing the educational features will be such familiar people as Dr. Enock Dyrness, registrar at Wheaton College; Larry Ward, executive secretary of Evangelical Press Association; Dr. Stephen Paine, president of Houghton College; Dr. Harold Lindsell, dean of Fuller Theological Seminary; Dr. S. A. Witmer, and others. Don't miss the June issue!

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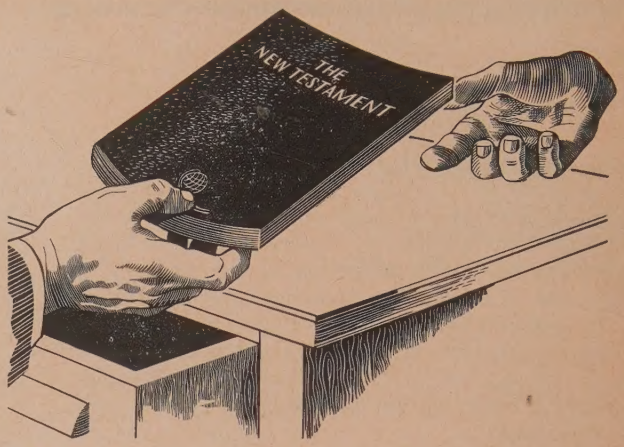

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